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**REPORT**

**OF THE OFFICERS**

**PIERMONT, N.H.**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

**2000**

# **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Any Time of Day or Night**

**Ambulance**

**Fire**

**Police**

## **Dial - 911**

When dispatcher answers, give your

Name

Problem

Location and

Your Phone Number

The needed help will start out immediately to  
where you are

**This Town Report  
Is Dedicated To  
Pearl Webster Smith**

**Pearl has been a consistent, loving presence that has  
been enjoyed in Piermont for almost 90 years, and still  
counting!**

**Thank you, Pearl,  
for your many contributions to our Town**



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF PIERMONT  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

Selectmen	Robert J. Lang , Chr (2001)	989-5684
	Dean W. Osgood (2002)	272-5804
	Jean . D. Daley, Chr (2003)	272-4944
Town Clerk	Linda Lambert (2003)	272-5848
Treasurer	James Lambert	272-5848
Tax Collector	Linda Lambert (2003)	272-5848
Road Agent	Christopher Davidson (2002)	272-9110
Police Chief	William R. Deal	272-5882
Fire Chief	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Forest Fire Warden	W. Alfred Stevens	272-5837
Health Officer	Alex Medlicott	272-4835
Emergency Management	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Godfrey	272-5802
Supervisors-Checklist	Vea Jenks (2004)	272-4838
	Russell Woodard (2006)	272-4378
	Louis Hobbs (2001)	272-5810
Trustee Trust Fund	Frederick Shipman, Chr. (2002)	272-4938
	William R. Deal (2001)	272-5882
	Louis Hobbs (2003)	272-5810
Moderator	Arnold Shields (2002)	989-3171

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Katherine Wescott, Treas. (2003)	Marian Shields (2003)
Helga Mueller, Chr. (2002)	Joe Medlicott (2001)
Stephanie Gordon (2002)	Nancy Sandell (2001)
Cindy Piro (2003)	
Maureen Byrne, Librarian	
Vivian Nemhauser, Assistant Librarian	

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Terry Robie	272-4901
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## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Fred Shipman, Chr. (2001)	George Schmid, Vice Chr. (2001)
Jeffrey P. Dube (2003)	Dean Osgood (2002)
William Putnam, (2002)	Steve Daly, Alternate



## **PLANNING BOARD**

Peter Labounty, Chr.(2003)  
Fred Shipman (2002)  
Suzanne Woodward (2001)  
Jean D. Daley, Ex-Officio  
Dean Osgood, Alternate Ex-Officio

Thomas Stevens, Vice Chr.(2001)  
Robert Michenfelder (2003)  
Kay Wescott (2002)

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Joe Medlicott., Pres.  
Frederick Shipman, Treas.  
Lloyd Hall, Dir. of Preservation

Helga Mueller, Co-V.P.  
Anna Williams, Corresp. Secy.  
Betty Hall, Dir-at-Large.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Helga Mueller, Chr.  
David Ritchie  
Donald Smith  
Charles Grant

Robert A. Michenfelder  
Eric Underhill  
Ernest Hartley, Jr.

## **RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION**

Wayne Godfrey, Manager  
John Metcalf, Assistant Manager

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2000  
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

Polls opened at 10:30 at the Old Church Building and remained opened until 6:30 for voting by Official Ballot on Article One. There were 132 voters that voted during the day.

The formal meeting for the Town of Piermont reopened at 8:00 p.m. at the Piermont Village School by Moderator S. Arnold Shields followed by the Pledge of Alliance. Moderator explained how you have to be a taxpayer to speak and on the checklist to vote tonight.

Joe Medlicott moved to not have the entire warrant read aloud at this time.  
Wayne Godfrey seconded, no discussion overwhelmingly passed.

ARTICLE ONE: (By Official Ballot) To vote by Official Ballot for the following Town officers:

Selectman to serve a term of three years.	Jean Daley
Town Clerk to serve a term of three years.	Linda Lambert
Tax Collector to serve a term of three years.	Linda Lambert
Treasurer to serve a term of one year.	James Lambert
Trustee of Trust Funds a term of three years.	Lou Hobbs
Three Library Trustees -term of three years.	Marian Shields, Kay Wescott, Cindy Piro
Supervisor of the Checklist - term of six years.	Russell Woodard
Supervisor of the Checklist - term of 4 years.	Geraldine Wood
Moderator to serve a term of two years.	S. Arnold Shields

The moderator swore in the following officers- Marian Shields, Kay Wescott, Cindy Piro, Linda Lambert, Jean Daley, Geraldine Wood.

ARTICLE TWO: To raise and appropriate \$147,800 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this Meeting:

ITEM	BUDGETED CHARGE
Officers' Salaries	\$ 21,500
Officers' Expenses	18,000
Auditor Expense	4,900
Election/Registration	2,000
Town Buildings	25,000
Tax Map	1,200
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	14,000
Legal and Damages	2,500
Solid Waste Disposal	36,650
Street Lights/Blinker	4,200

*Minutes Continued:*

Public Welfare	4,000
Memorial Day	250
Recreation and Swimming Pool	2,000
Interest	1,000
Planning Board	1,500
Revaluation Note	7,100
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>500</u>

TOTAL TOWN CHARGES \$147,800

Moved by William Daley

Seconded by Fred Shipman

Discussion: Tim Cole asks why the increase in town welfare? There are more people applying for help and yes they are suppose to pay it back when they get back on their feet. Robert Elder asks do they sign something stating this - yes. Tony Smith asks why Articles 10,13,14,16,17,18,25,29 aren't in article 2? Bob states by you having to vote on these you have an insight on what the Selectmen spends. They can lump them together if voters wish. Robert Elder thanks selectmen for separating all of these. Marian Shields asks why building cost went up \$5000? The Old Church building needs more renovation, paint all town buildings, fire escape in fire house, roof on Old Church building, furnace room enclosed and maybe carpet in selectmen's office to start with.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$67,000 for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges.

Moved by Chris Davidson

Seconded by William Daley

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED a few nays

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$26,158 for the purpose of maintaining highways and bridges, being the Highway Department State subsidy. (This money is received each year from the State and is used for the Highway Department.)

Moved by Chris Davidson

Seconded by Tom Elliott

Discussion: Peter Preiser asks if this money is for a specific project? No -it's for maintenance of town roads, the road agent and selectmen discusses the roads to be maintained. Tony Smith asks what the difference between Article 3 and 4are? Article 3 is from tax dollars and Article 4 is from the State subsidy money.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$68,000 as the Town's share of the State Bridge Program to replace Bean Brook Bridge. Total cost



*Minutes Continued:*

is estimated to be \$680,000. The State of New Hampshire will pay 80% of the cost (\$544,000) and the Town will pay 20% (\$136,000). Half of this must be appropriated this year, the balance upon completion. This appropriation will not lapse at the end of the year but will be carried forward and expended within five years of December 31, 2000.

Comment: The State Department of Transportation estimates it would be approximately 3 years before construction could be started. See Road Agent's Report for details.

Moved by Chris Davidson

Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: Chris Davidson amends first number to \$136,000,seconded by Helga Mueller. Reason for this change is more currant information from the State requiring all the money up front for this project. David Davis thinks this seems high for this bridge while we replaced the bridge on route 25c for \$100,000. Chris says the numbers come from the State. D Davis is the State the contractor for the project – no, State puts out to bid. William Daley asks if this solution is good common sense or are we as a town just band-aiding the bridge problem. Chris asked the State for an unbiased bid for replacing this bridge. Tony Smith asks are there any drawings for this bridge- no – the State uses an average cost for estimating its jobs. Barbara Fowler states that the State limits designs to a 2-lane bridge as an average-Chris yes it would be a 24 wide bridge. Robert Ritchie has concerns for the inside width for his haying equipment crossing this bridge? - New bridge load would be highway limit (80,000 lbs.) and a 24 feet inside width. David Davis asks why the State needs all the money up front if project doesn't start for three years? Chris says it shows our commitment to the process.

Voice on amended article is nay

Peter Preiser can money go into an escrow account to get interest-Jean Daley stated that the State would get it all

VOICE DEFEATED a few nays

ARTICLE SIX: (In the event Article Five is not passed) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be deposited into this fund and the Trustees of Trust Funds will be designated as Trustees.

Selectmen	Yes	3	No	0
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Comment: Estimated total cost \$100,000 estimated construction date 2002. Additional funds will be requested annually for deposit into this Fund.

Moved by Chris Davidson

Seconded by William Daley

Discussion: Tony Smith asks if the town does the work would the bridge be 24 wide and a 80,000 weight limit as Robert Ritchie requests? Yes. Tom Elliott asks if the bridge in immediate need of repair- it's on the states red list, it has an 8" deflect and the embankments are closing in. Is it safe for emergency equipment as it stands know? It's posted at 3 ton P Preiser amends that \$100,000 is maximum for the bridge David Davis seconds Tony Smith

*Minutes Continued:*

stated that if a cap is set and they run out of money they have to remain unfinished until next town meeting to finish. David Davis asks how long this has been on the red list? About 4 years but need to deal with cost before it's too late. Helga Mueller asks if it can be put out to bid? Yes but we need plans to put out to bid ,plans alone are estimated at \$125,000. Ritchie states that it's save to say that this bridge has been on the red list for 20 years. Town has only an estimate because they were waiting for State bid, but estimated close to \$100,000 for town crew to do. Barbara Fowler stated that the town seems to consider safety and function of this bridge and in past has stuck to their estimates pretty close. William Daley points out that the town is only asking for 20,000 this year and they should have up dated information for next year when they ask for more towards this project. Dean Osgood states that we need to prepare for this project and we need to be prepared to start in case of emergency break down of bridge. Amendment was removed. James Lambert stated that an expandable trust doesn't need a vote of town to use. -True but will ask for a vote if not an emergency situation.

VOICE PASSED one nay

ARTICLE SEVEN: To raise and appropriate \$18,000 to cover blasting and pavement to complete the next phase of Lily Pond Road.

Moved by Chris Davidson

Seconded by Tom Elliott

Discussion: Peter Preiser asks how much more money needed to expedite this project? What is needed to finish project? Chris –can't give exact estimate due to what they may find but around about \$35-40,000. Peter Preiser amends article to increase to \$50,000 seconded by Helga Mueller. Tony Smith states that with cost of gas and labor an estimate can't be done and we may have to give up maintenance of other roads to cover this cost. Sandra Elliott asks if realistic can the road crew do this project if expanded-maybe.

Amendment defeated

Original article VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication of Winn Road as a town highway on the condition that Winn Road shall be brought up To town highway specifications at no cost to the Town and to the satisfaction of the selectmen and the road agent.

Moved by Tom Elliott

Seconded by Helga Mueller

Discussion: William Daley asks where this article came from? Requested by land owner George Schmid because he would like to subdivide a piece of his property for a building lot and needs to be a class 5 road to subdivide. Don Smith asks how far would this road go- as far as this new lot about ¼ mile. What would cost of maintenance for plowing and repair to the town be- minimal.

Show of hands yes 30 no 34 DEFEATED

ARTICLE NINE To see if the Town will adopt the following bylaw:



The Town of Piermont ordains as follows:

PAY AS YOU THROW TRASH DISPOSAL PROGRAM BYLAW

Declaration of Purpose: to provide for an efficient trash disposal program and set reasonable rates for use of the Town's solid waste facility, pursuant to RSA 149-M:17, II (a).

1. The Town will provide at specified locations, "Piermont trash bags", which may be purchased and used to dispose of trash at the Piermont Landfill Transfer Station.
2. The "Piermont trash bags" will be sold at a reasonable price, to be determined by the Board of Selectmen and the Transfer Station Manager.
3. The Transfer Station will accept for disposal only authorized "Piermont trash bags".
4. The Board of Selectmen may use any income from the sale of the "Piermont trash bags" to reduce the Piermont Solid Waste budget.

Penalty: Anyone violating the provisions of the bylaw will be subject to civil penalties as provided for in RSA 149-M:17,II(b).

Comment: See Recycling Report

Moved by Wayne Godfrey

Seconded by James Lambert

Discussion Tony Smith stated that he uses trash cans not bags so how will this effect him and others like him? – only trash in bags will be excepted. What will the cost of the bags be? - about 1.25 per bag. Peter Preiser amends the article to read in number 4 to read Board of Selectmen '**MUST use**', Tony Smith seconded. Dennis Halloran states that this will hurt the people on fixed income at 1.25 per bag. Marianne Preiser asks if you can reuse the bags –no. Tom Elliott asks what purpose is this article? Dean Ogood states it will help those with less trash and will promote more recycling. Taxes should be reduced and disposal costs should drop due to recycling. Wayne Godfrey is in favor of this amendment.

VOICE PASSED on the amendment

Wayne estimates a cost savings about \$19,000 - bags will be bio-degradable, about 30-40 gallon in size, and hopefully sold at Town Office and Four Corner Store. Alex Medlicott asks if recycling will be in place at all times -no more disruptions of accepting recyclables as in the past –yes it will stay in place. There are plans to issue a penalty if not using Piermont Bags. Linda Frost mentioned that the town she came from did this pay as you throw system and there was an increase in garbage along the road , just be aware of this. William Daley asks what will be done with monster loads of trash and large things that will not fit in bags?- Kay Gould asks why pay as you go trash bags why not by the truck

*Minutes Continued:*

load or can size? It would be a bookkeeping nightmare. Tony Smith asks if there will be a set price for truck load and odd sized things, not a guess by each attendant - yes, that is why we will start in a year to get a schedule written up. Shawn Rogers stated that there is no incentive to recycle, he use to and had one bag and seen no one else recycle and throwing up to 4-5 bags so why should he take the time.-this is what we hope to cure. If there are penalties issued where would the money go – general fund. Tom Elliott moves the article seconded by Chris Davidson

voice passed to move article. Point of order on voice voting, Moderator stated it does not require 2/3 vote to move.

VOICE PASSED FOR THE AMENDMENT

VOICE PASSED on Article a few nays

ARTICLE TEN: To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the village Sewer system. The requested amount is \$19,191.

Comment: State law requires the Town Meeting to appropriate the funds to operate and maintain the sewer system even though all the money comes from the users and not from taxes.

Moved by Christa Davidson

Seconded by Tom Elliott

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for start-up costs associated with the Piermont Pay as You throw trash disposal by-law, including the purchase of authorized trash bags, placement of newspaper notices and other related costs.

Moved by Tom Elliott

Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWELVE: (By Petition) Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 72:1-c which authorized any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax?

Moved by Tom Elliott

Seconded by Chris Davidson

Discussion: William Daley asks why are we doing this article? Petition- collect \$4300 last year- Bradley James says it's hard to collect. Wayne Godfrey states if we don't collect it then it goes onto our taxes, adds about .20 per 1000.

VOICE DEFEATED

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the Police Department.



*Minutes Continued:*

Moved by William Deal  
Seconded by Fred Shipman  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,530 for the support of the Fire Department and Fast Squad.

Moved by Tom Elliott  
Seconded by Wayne Godfrey  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: (by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of defibrillators for the Piermont FAST Squad.

Moved by Tom Elliott  
Seconded by William Daley  
Discussion: Tom Elliott amends article to read **A DEFIBRILLATOR**. Moderator so orders - no further discussion.  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,983 for Ambulance, Fire and Police dispatching services.

Moved by William Deal  
Seconded by Wayne Godfrey  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for support of the Library.

Moved by Helga Mueller  
Seconded by Tom Elliott  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for Cemeteries.

Moved by Tom Elliott  
Seconded by Fred Shipman  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

*Minutes Continued:*

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$599.00 to pay Piermont's share of the cost as a member of Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Moved by Wayne Godfrey

Seconded by Tom Elliott

Discussion: David Davis asks if we use this service?- yes it's a great help for the planning board writing plans, sub regulations ,etc.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,428 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Moved by Tom Elliott

Seconded by Geraldine Wood

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$647 to contribute to a local or regional household hazardous waste collection project. The types of materials that can be disposed of at these collections include oil-based paints, thinners, solvents, insecticides & pesticides, cleaning supplies, antifreeze etc.

Moved by Wayne Godfrey

Seconded by Tony Smith

Discussion: Tony Smith asks why this article cannot be put into Wayne's trash budget and not as a separate article? This amount is based on a per person basis and done every other year. Wayne will consider this for next years budget.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$590 to restore an ancient Town Map of the 1800's, drawn by Aaron Shepard, Surveyor, and part of the town records..

Moved by William Deal

Seconded by Fred Shipman

Discussion: Helga Mueller asks where does map go once restored? William Deal related how the map came about. His father in 1934 secured the map from the attic of the selectman's office being hoed out. Brown's refinery gave this estimate to restore the map, it's in a log rolled up and can't be unrolled. Brown's refinery has a method to restore and photo the map and Bill will see to it that the Historical Society gets a copy, the original can not be displayed due to deterioration in any light.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

*Minutes Continued:*

Moved by Tom Elliott  
Seconded by Wayne Godfrey  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

Moved by Fred Shipman  
Seconded by Helga Mueller  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,360 as Piermont's share for Upper Valley Ambulance Inc.

Moved by Tom Elliott  
Seconded by Randy Dunbar  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,095 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

Moved by Donald Smith  
Seconded by Ellen Putnam  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the AIDS Community Resource Network (ACORN).

Moved by Tom Elliott  
Seconded by Mardi McGregor  
Discussion: Robert Elder speaks against this article. Kay Gould say she works with this group and considers it a great program for AIDS patients and their families  
VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the Haverhill Area Teen Center.

Moved by Mardi McGregor  
Seconded by David Davis  
Discussion: none  
VOICE PASSED



*Minutes Continued:*

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$9,850 to pay for testing water samples drawn from the monitoring wells at the old dump site, as required by DES.

Moved by Tom Elliott

Seconded by Shirley Gould

Discussion: Fred Shipman asks this article to be under the dump budget next year as long as we are required to do this and have no choose.

# VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY: To see if the Town will vote to renovate the back room in the Old Church Building and allow the Piermont Historical Society exclusive use of this room at a cost of \$1.00 per year until rescinded by vote of the Town.. The cost of renovations will come from the Town Building Maintenance appropriation.

Moved by Helga Mueller

## Seconded by Ed French

Discussion: Helga states that the main rooms for the historical society is upstairs of the library . They would like to use the old kindergarten room in the old church building for a permanent room for display with no stairs. Chris Davidson asks is there another use for this room – no. They would use money from Article 2 for renovations

## VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw a sum not to exceed \$25,000 from the Building Capital Reserve Fund to replace the roof on the Old Church Building and to designate the selectmen as Agents of the Town to expend such funds for such purpose.

Selectmen: For 3

Against 0

Moved by William Deal

Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: Don Smith asks what type roof would be put on –metal as is on now. It’s in bad shape –weak spots, leaks and over 30 years since last been fixed and plan on using standing seam roof. Ellen Putnam asks about the stain glass windows in attic that they can’t get out, is this a good time to retrieve them? - Hope to and also deal with who’s property they are. Estimation for roof was based on the cost of the roof on the Congregational Church on Church Street last year replacement of \$19000 compared to the size of this building.

# VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO: (by Petition) To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire Legislature: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural, and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund the land and Community Heritage Investment Program, a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources.

*Minutes Continued:*

Moved by Helga Mueller

Seconded by William Daley

Discussion: Helga says this is not a binding resolution for the towns it only encourages Senate to start a program. Chris Davidson states it's a way for the state to control land. Helga explains that this would provide grants for refurbishing old buildings, etc. Helga as a Conservation Committee member will write the letter needed if this passes.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE: (by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to donate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to the Lower Cohase Region Profile Task Force for a community development planning session, March 31 and April 1, 2000. The Lower Cohase Region Profile includes the towns of Piermont NH, Bradford VT, Haverhill NH and Newbury VT.

Moved by Marian Shields

Seconded by William Daley

Discussion: Robert Elder asks who represents this article? Marian Shields sent out the letters for the explanation of this article. She wants Piermont represented even though the town is the smallest town in the group.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR: (by Petition) Proposed; the Town will establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of improvement of Town Vehicles for Fire and Emergency Services.

Moved by Tim Cole

Seconded by Randy Dunbar

Discussion: Tony Smith asks why we need this one? Tim Cole explains the other fund can be used for all town vehicles. This fund would only be for fire and emergency vehicles.

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE: (by Petition) To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate to pay into the newly established capital reserve fund for improvement of Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles.

Report of the Fire Department and Fast Squad:

During the history of the Piermont Fire Department, the cost of fire and emergency vehicles has more than doubled each decade. The most recently acquired fire tanker cost \$90,000. We anticipate the need for a more modern fire/emergency vehicle within this decade. We propose the Town appropriate a minimum of \$7,000 each year for this capital reserve.

Moved by Tom Elliott

Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

*Minutes Continued:*

Discussion: Wayne, as fire chief, would like the figure of \$10,000 to be inserted. Tom Elliott amends article to read \$10,000 seconded by William Daley

VOICE PASSED to the amendment

Article moved by Tim Cole seconded by Helga Mueller

VOICE PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE THIRTY-SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Vehicular Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3

Against 0

Moved by Robert Elder

Seconded by Fred Shipman

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3

Against 0

Moved by Wayne Godfrey

Seconded by James Lambert

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-EIGHT To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Bridge Expendable Trust.

Selectmen: For 3

Against 0

Moved by Chris Davidson

Seconded by Tom Elliott

Discussion: none

VOICE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-NINE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

Selectmen: For 3

Against 0

Moved by Tom Elliott

Seconded by Wayne Godfrey

Discussion: Robert Elder asks where is this money kept? –in a Money Market fund in the hands of the Trust Fund Trustees.

VOICE PASSED



ARTICLE FORTY: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Tony Smith moves to direct the selectmen to place articles 10,13,14,16,17,18,25,29 in the budget article next year. William Daley seconds . Robert Lang discusses the idea that some people have the idea that something might be hidden like the school budget this is why the Selectmen have kept them under separate articles. Fred Shipman suggests selectmen use own discretion on this idea. Barbara Fitzpatrick speaks against this, she would like this left alone so the people can amend the articles if need be. Tony Smith intended this to clear up items that can't be changed like fire and dump needs.  
Show of hands on idea PASSED.

William Deal asks for a moment of silence for the 10 members of the community who passed away this pass year.

Wayne Godfrey moves –TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL SET UP AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND RESERVE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING INCOME TO BE PLACED IN THIS FUND. Seconded by Randy Dunbar  
Discuss: Wayne's recycling money amounts to about \$1500-2000 per year. This fund will be used to replace equipment as needed (example – compactor).  
VOICE PASSED for the fund

It was asked ' Where is the beach on Lake Tarleton?' It's now owned by the State and under the Dept of Resources. It's at the end of the lake near the red barn using the stop sign area for parking and you can walk down to the beach area where no pets are allowed.

William Daley moves to adjourn the meeting  
Seconded and passed  
Adjourned at 11:08

Submitted by Linda Lambert  
Town Clerk



## TOWN OF PIERMONT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Piermont, New Hampshire, will be held at the Piermont Village School on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Polls will be located in the Old Church Building and will be open at 10:00 a.m. for voting by Official Ballot on Article One and will close at 6:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Piermont Village School.

ARTICLE ONE: (By Official Ballot) To vote by Official Ballot for the following Town officers:

One Selectman to serve for a term of three years.

A Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

One Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years.

Two Library Trustees to serve for a term of three years.

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of one year.

And such other officers required to be elected by Official Ballot.

ARTICLE TWO: To raise and appropriate \$369,331 appearing in the Town Budget as necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year, divided as follows and subject to any adjustment which may be voted upon at this Meeting:

ITEM	BUDGETED CHARGE
Officers Salaries	22,000
Officers Expenses	19,000
Auditor Expense	5,500
Election/Registration	1,000
Town Buildings	25,000
Village Sewer System (Note 4)	19,191
Police Dept.	13,000
Fire Dept. & Fast Squad	20,782
Tax Maps	1,200

*Warrant Continued:*

Library	20,000
Cemeteries (see note 1)	8,500
Ambulance, Fire and Police Dispatching Services	3,600
Upper Valley Ambulance	9,360
Testing Monitoring Wells	9,850
Contingency	1,500
Insurance	14,000
Legal Expenses	2,500
Solid Waste Disposal (see note 2)	46,889
Street Lights and Blinker	4,200
Highways and Bridges	75,000
Highway Subsidy (see note 3)	28,060
Public Welfare	4,500
Memorial Day	500
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning	599
Recreation and Swimming Pool	2,500
Interest	1,000
Planning Board	2,500
Revaluation Note	7,100
Miscellaneous	500
<b>TOTAL TOWN CHARGES</b>	<b>369,331</b>

Note 1: Town raises by taxes \$1,500; balance comes from Cemetery Trust Funds, user fees and surplus in Operating Account.

Note 2: The Town expects to receive \$20,000 from the sale of bags and \$2,000 from miscellaneous income to offset this cost.

Note 3: This amount is received from the State for use by the Highway Department.

Note 4: No money is raised by taxes. All money comes from User Fees.

ARTICLE THREE: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to accept the dedication of that portion of Winn Road which has been brought up to town highway specifications at no cost to the town, to the satisfaction of the Piermont Road Agent, a distance of 1,161 feet, as a town highway.

Attorney Comment: Since Winn Road is a highway which at some time in the past was discontinued subject to gates and bars, it is therefore now a Class VI highway. Thus, an "acceptance" of the highway is not the proper wording. Instead, the vote should be one to "reclassify" the highway under RSA 231:22-a, and the motion under this Article should be similar to the following:

*Warrant Continued:*

I move to reclassify as a Class V town highway, in accordance with RSA 231:22-a, that portion of Winn Road which has been reconstructed to Town highway standards at no cost to the Town, to the satisfaction of the Piermont Road Agent, beginning at N.H. Route 10, and extending to the east a distance of 1,161 feet.

ARTICLE FOUR: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,757.77 to cover paving Lily Pond Road.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$123,701.50 to complete the reconstruction of Lily Pond Road, and to authorize the issuance of \$90,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; and further, to raise the remaining \$33,701.50 by taxation (2/3 ballot vote required if bonds or notes are authorized)

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE SIX: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,150 for maintenance of Piermont Heights Road.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Expendable Trust Fund for the improvement of the Transfer Station and related Equipment, and to appropriate up to \$2,000 to this fund, all to come from revenue raised from recycling, and not from taxation; and further, to appoint the Selectmen as agents for purposes of expending this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,670 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 for the White Mountain Mental Health Center.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$800 for the support of the Community Action Outreach Program.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,130 for the Grafton Senior Citizen Council.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the AIDS Community Resource Network (ACORN).

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be paid to the Haverhill Area Teen Center.



*Warrant Continued:*

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to donate \$312 to the Lower Cohase Communication Committee to develop and maintain a web site to promote Haverhill and Piermont, New Hampshire and Bradford and Newbury, Vermont.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be paid into Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be paid into the Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Vehicular Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Bridge Expendable Trust.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be paid into the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal of the Town of Piermont this 13th day of February, 2001

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Lang

Dean W. Osgood

Jean D. Daley

*Warrant Continued:*

RETURN

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting described therein and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy at one other public place in the Town of Piermont fourteen days before the day of the Meeting, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert J. Lang

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This Warrant and Return of Warrant have been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Piermont, New Hampshire, this 13th day of February 2001.

Linda Lambert, Town Clerk

## SUMMARY OF BUDGET FOR 2001

Town Charges	\$369,331
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	2,670
White Mountain Mental Health	500
Community Action Outreach Program	800
Grafton Senior Citizens Council	1,130
Lily Pond Road Paving	17,758
Aids Community Resource Network	300
Lily Pond Completion	123,702
Piermont Heights Road	40,150
Haverhill Teen Center	300
Lower Cohase Web Site	312
Vehicular Capital Reserve Fund-Fire & Emergency	10,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Bean Brook Bridge Expendable Trust	20,000
Vehicular Capital Reserve Fund	5,000
Building Improvements Capital Reserve	5,000
Bridge Expendable Trust Fund	5,000
 Town Sub-total	 596,335
 Estimate of County Tax	 70,000
School District budget (Estimated)	700,500
 TOTAL OF TOWN, COUNTY AND SCHOOL	 \$1,367,452

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PIERMONT, N.H.

	Actual		
	Appropriation	Expenditures	Appropriation
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers Salaries	21,500	20,162	22,000
Town Officers Expenses	18,000	17,761	19,000
Election & Registration	2,000	3,593	1,000
Expenses Town Buildings	25,000	23,999	25,000
Auditor Expense	4,900	4,900	5,500
Police Department	12,500	11,646	13,000
Fire Dept. inc. Forest Fires & Fast Squad	19,530	19,535	20,782
Fast Squad Defibrillators	4,000	3,080	00
Planning & Zoning	1,500	1,474	2,500
Insurance	14,000	11,522	14,000
Revaluation Note	7,100	7,122	7,100
Update Tax Map	1,200	1,200	1,200
Update Old 1800's Map of Piermont	590	590	0
UVLSC	599	599	599
<b>Health Department:</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	36,650	35,784	46,889
Hazardous Waste Collection Project	647	647	0
Pay as You Throw Start-up Cost	2,000	3,447	0
Dispatch Services	2,983	3,580	3,600
VNAV TNH	2,428	2,428	2,670
White Mt. Mental Health	300	300	500
UVA, Inc.	9,360	9,360	9,360
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	67,000	67,000	75,000
Lily Pond Road	18,000	18,000	17,758
Lily Pond Road Completion	0	0	123,702
Piermont Heights Road	0	0	40,150
Street Lighting	4,200	4,039	4,200
Highway Subsidy	26,158	26,158	28,060
<b>Library:</b>			
Library:	20,000	20,000	20,000
Welfare	4,000	4,411	4,500
Memorial Day	250	342	500
Lower Cohase Region Profile Task & Web Site	500	500	312
Haverhill Area Teen Center	300	300	300
Community Action	750	756	800



Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,095	1,095	1,130
AIDS Community Resource Network	300	300	300
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	2,000	1,264	2,500
Cemeteries	7,500	3,500	8,500
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses	2,500	2,706	2,500
<i>Budget Continued:</i>			
Contingency Fund	1,500	0	1,500
Dump Closure Project-Monitoring Wells	9,850	2,936	9,850
Taxes Bought by Town	0	44,278	0
Capital Reserves	47,000	47,000	50,000
Misc. Unclassified Expense	500	2750	500
Interest on Temp. Loans	1,000	0.00	1,000
Taxes Paid to County	70,000	67,194	70,000
Payment to School District	680,551	620,551	700,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,151,741	1,117,803	1,358,262

#### SOURCES OF REVENUE

##### From Local Taxes:

Resident Taxes	4,000	3,890	4,000
Yield Taxes	35,000	27,329	30,000
Property Taxes	900,000	1,037,624	900,000
Current Use Changes	0	1,725	0
Interest and Penalties	0	15,476	0
Rooms & Meals & Revenue Sharing	25,000	22,811	25,000
Highway Grant	26,158	26,158	28,060
Fed. Forest Land	200	1,790	2,000

Sale of Town Property		25	
Recycling Income	0	2,483	0.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	80,000	95,470	90,000
Dog Licenses	1,100	1,332	1,100
Business Lic,Permits,Filing	100	600	100
Rent of Town Property	750	800	650
Income from Trust Funds	14,000	11,850	12,000
Interest on Deposits	6,000	8,463	0
Capital Reserve-Building Fund	00	25,000	
Insurance Rebates	2,000	2,354	2,000
All Other Receipts including dump closeout	500	3,540	500
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	1,094,808	1,288,720	1,095,410

## 2000 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land		
Current Use (at C.U. values)	1,903,005	
Conservation Restriction	216,445	
Residential	12,345,275	
Commercial/Industrial	625,845	
Buildings		
Residential	26,506,535	
Manufactured Housing	494,000	
Commercial/Industrial	405,900	
Public Utilities		
Electric (includes Phone-no land)	2,161,181	
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		44,658,186
Elderly Exemptions	285,900	
Solar Exemptions	1,950	
Blind Exemption	15,000	
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		302,850
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is computed</b>		44,355,336
Utilities		
Central Vermont Public Service	7,530	
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	604,748	
Piermont Hydro	405,196	
New England Power Co.	692,124	
New England Telephone	40,324	
New Hampshire Electric Coop.	411,259	
<b>Total</b>	2,161,181	

## 2000 STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATE

Gross Property Tax	210,731
Less War Service Credits	-5,700
Net Property Tax Commitments	205,031
Net School Appropriations	1,038,723
Less Adequate Education Grant	-291,174
State Education Taxes	-289,186
Town Tax Rate	4.63
School Tax Rate	10.33
State School Tax Rate	6.78
County Tax Rate	<u>1.49</u>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>23.23</b>

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2000**

<b>Title of Appropriations</b>	<b>Total Amt. Available</b>	<b>Expend- itures</b>	<b>Unexpended Balance</b>	<b>Over Draft</b>
Town Officers Salaries	21,500	20,162	1,338	
Town Officers Expenses	18,000	17,761	239	
Auditor Expense	4,900	4,900		
Election & Reg. Exp.	2,000	3,593		1,593
Expenses of Town Bldgs.	25,000	23,999	1,001	
Police Department	12,500	11,646	854	
Fire Department	19,530	19,535		5
Planning & Zoning	1,500	1,474	26	
Insurance	14,000	11,522	2,478	
Update Tax Map	1,200	1,200		
UVLSC	599	599		
Solid Waste Disposal	36,650	35,784	866	
Hazardous Waste Collection	647	647		
Dispatch Services	2,983	3,580		597
VNAV TNH	2,428	2,428		
AIDS Community Resource	300	300		
Haverhill Area Teen Center	300	300		
White Mtn. Mental Hlth	300	300		
UVA, Inc.	9,360	9,360		
Highways & Bridges	67,000	67,000		
Highway Subsidy	26,158	26,158		
Street Lighting	4,200	4,039	161	
Library	20,000	20,000		
Welfare	3,000	4,411		1,411
Community Action	750	750		
Grafton Senior Citizen	1,095	1,095		
Memorial Day	250	342		92
Rec. Field & Swimming Pool	2,000	1,264	736	
*Cemeteries	7,500	3,500		
Contingency Fund	1,500	125	1,375	
Damages & Legal	2,500	2,706		206
PAYT Start-up Costs	2,000	3,447		1,447
Lower Cohase	500	500		
Dump Closure	9,850	2,936	6,914	
Misc. Unanticipated Expenses	500	150	350	
Defibrillator	4,000	3,080	920	
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,000	0	1,000	
Revaluation Loan Payment	7,100	7,122		22
Capital Reserves	50,000	50,000		
Taxes Paid to County	70,000	67,194	2,806	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>454,600</b>	<b>434,909</b>	<b>21,064</b>	<b>5,373</b>
		<b>482,570</b>		
Unexpended Balance				21,064
				15,691

\*The balance of this account comes from the Cemetery Fund Monies and is spent so that there is no unexpended balance.

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Bldgs.-Selectmen-Library, FireDept.,Hwy.Garage	168,400.00
Furniture & Equipment	11,800.00
Land-Selectmen-Library, Fire Dept.,Hwy.Garage	41,400.00
Equipment-Fire Department	195,000.00
Old Church, Lands and Buildings	53,000.00
Bean Brook Road Land	16,300.00
Highway Equipment	94,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	27,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	603,500.00
Cemeteries	28,500.00
Piermont Sewage District Land	1,300.00
Fire Ponds	12,300.00
Connecticut River Lot (School Lot)	16,000.00
Sarah Moore Lot	34,000.00
Open Space Lot (Glebe Lot)	41,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,344,000.00</b>



TOWN OF PIERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Unaudited Balance Sheet - General Fund  
December 31, 2000

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ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents	\$ 390,547
Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)	
Interest	478
Taxes	151,179
Accounts	756
Interfund Receivable	<u>424</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 543,384</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 17,391
Interfund Payable	382,549
Deferred Tax Revenue	183
Other Deferred Revenue	8,680
Revaluation Loan Payable	<u>12,800</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>421,603</u>

Equity

<u>Fund Balances</u>	
Reserved For Encumbrances	16,066
<u>Unreserved</u>	
Undesignated	<u>105,715</u>
Total Equity	<u>121,781</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 543,384</u>
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## PAYMENTS

### General Government

Town Officers' Salaries	20,162.25
Town Officers' Expenses	17,761.08
Election and Registration	3,593.42
Auditors	4,900.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC	599.00
Town Map Restoration	590.00
Tax Maps Update	1,200.00
Town Buildings	23,998.58
Capital Reserve Funds	50,000.00

Total General Governmental Expenses	122,804.33
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### Protection of Persons and Property

Police	11,646.20
Planning Board	1,473.90
Fire, Incl. Forest Fire	19,534.68
Defibrillator	3,080.47
Insurance	11,522.00
Dispatch	3,580.00

Total Protection Expense	50,837.25
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### Health and Sanitation

Health Including Hospitals	2,428.00
Town Trash Removal & Recycling	35,784.21
Pay as You Throw Start-up Costs	3,447.05
Hazardous Waste Collection	647.00
Dump Closure	2,936.00

Total Health Expense	45,242.26
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### Highways and Bridges

Town Maintenance	67,000.00
Highway Subsidy	26,158.27
Lily Pond Blasting	18,000.00
Street Lighting	4,038.93

Total Highways and Bridges Expenses	115,197.20
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Library	20,000.00
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Public Welfare		
Town Poor	4,411.43	
Haverhill Area Teen Center	300.00	
Ambulance	9,360.00	
AIDS Community Resource	300.00	
White Mt.Mental Health	300.00	
Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,095.00	
VNAV TNH	2,428.00	
Community Action	750.00	
Total Public Welfare		18,944.43
Patriotic		
Memorial Day		342.00
Recreation		1,264.01
Cemeteries		3,500.00
Unclassified:		
Damages, Legal & Dog Damages	2,706.13	
Conservation Commission	150.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	44,278.13	
Other	125.00	
Total Unclassified Payments		47,259.26
Interest		
		0
Bonds and Term Notes	7,121.97	
Total Indebtedness Payments		7,121.97
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County	67,194.00	
School District	620,551.00	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		687,745.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		1,120,257.71.60



## RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes		
Property	995,489.84	
Resident	3,890.00	
Yield	29,928.17	
Current Use	1,725.00	
Interest and Costs	15,475.60	
Tax Sales Redeemed	42,134.20	
Total Collected		1,088,642.81
Recycling Fees and Sales		2,482.88
Block Grant-Highway Subsidy		26,158.27
From State		22,811.11
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Dog Licenses	1,331.50	
Business Lic, Permits & Fees	599.75	
Rent of Town Property	800.00	
Sale of Town Property	25.00	
Interest on Deposits	8,462.88	
Income from Mutual Funds	11,850.43	
Motor Vehicle Registration	95,469.50	
Library Electricity Reimbursement	1,321.25	
Insurance Rebate	2,353.72	
Forestry Reimbursement	1,790.31	
Other	2,218.67	
		126,223.01
Receipts		
Other Than Current Revenue		
Capital Reserves	25,000.00	
		25,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES		1,291,318.08

## TOWN CLERKS REPORT 2000

### SUBMITTED TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle Registrations (1,088)	95,303.50
Motor Vehicle Titles (99)	166.00
Dog Licenses (196)	1,301.50
Fees, Penalties (dogs)	30.00
Other (Fees, Permits, Zoning Books, etc.)	166.50
	96,967.50

REMINDER\*\*\*ALL DOGS OVER 3 MONTHS OLD ARE TO BE LICENSED.  
2001 TAGS ARE IN AND YOU DO NEED PROOF OF RABIES TO LICENSE.

### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 2000

#### Uncollected Taxes - Beg. of Year\*\*:

Property Taxes	109,536.33
Resident Taxes	830.00
Land Use Change	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,599.03
Utilities	3,976.94

#### Revenues Committed - This Year:

Property Taxes	1,012,580.38
Resident Taxes	4,470.00
Land Use Change	1,725.00
Yield Taxes	29,547.41
Excavation Taxes	119.60
Utilities	19,201.00

#### Overpayment:

Property Taxes	406.17	2,059.19
Yield Taxes	1,293.90	
Adjustment	0.00	

Interest Coll. on Delinquent Tax	744.27	6,181.42
Collected Resident Tax Penalties		50.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>1,070,087.73</b>	<b>125,233.24</b>

\*\*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance.

## CREDITS

<b>Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>
Property Taxes	888,949.05	107,602.04
Resident Taxes	3,390.000	500.00
Land Use Taxes	1,725.00	
Yield Taxes	27,266.64	2,599.03
Excavation Taxes	119.60	
Utilities	13,528.28	3,976.94
Interest	744.27	6,181.42
Penalties		50.00
<b>Abatements Made:</b>		
Property Taxes	273.81	3,993.81
Resident Taxes	230.00	240.00
Yield	1,293.90	
<b>Uncollected Rev. - End of Year</b>		
Property Taxes	109,536.66	
Resident Taxes	850.00	90.00
Land Use Change	00.0	
Utilities	5,672.72	
Yield Taxes	2,280.77	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>1,070,087.73</b>	<b>125,233.24</b>

### **Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies**

Unredeemed Taxes: Bal. at Beg. of Fiscal Year	34,074.45
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year	45,278.17
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution	6,645.95
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>85,998.57</b>

## CREDITS

<b>Remittance to Treasurer:</b>	
Redemptions	43,464.35
Interest/Costs (After Sale or Lien Execution)	6,645.95
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	0.00
Unredeemed Taxes on Initial Sale/Lien	35,888.27
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>85,998.57</b>

Linda Lambert, Tax Collector

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Taxes - Current Year</u>	
Property	887,912.67
Resident	3,390.00
Gravel Tax	119.60
Yield	27,209.54
Penalties and Interest	15,475.60
<u>Taxes - Prior Years</u>	
Property	107,577.17
Resident	500.00
Current Use	1,725.00
Yield Tax	2,599.03
Redemptions	42,134.20
<u>State and Federal</u>	
Revenue Distribution	7,854.00
Block Grant	26,158.27
Forestry	1,790.31
Rooms & Meals	14,957.11
<u>Other Sources</u>	
Rent of Town Property	800.00
Motor Vehicles	95,469.50
Dog Licenses and Fees	1,331.50
Recycling	2,482.88
Fees	0.00
Clark Fund	11,850.43
Planning Board Fees	374.75
Building Permits	225.00
Insurance Rebate	2,353.72
Interest	8,462.88
Library-Electricity	1,321.25
Sale of Town Property	25.00
Capital Reserve Income	25,000.00
Other	2,218.67
Total Receipts	1,291,318.08
Beginning Balance	229,473.44
Total	1,520,791.52
Less Expenditure	1,131,532.53
Balance December 31, 2000	389,258.99

James A. Lambert, Treas.; Town of Piermont



# STATEMENT OF ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN ON TREASURER

Town Officers' Salaries		
Jean D. Daley	Selectman	1,600.00
Robert J. Lang	Selectman	1,600.00
Dean W. Osgood	Selectman	1,600.00
Linda Lambert	Town Clerk	6,637.50
Geraldine Wood	Asst. Town Clerk	736.75
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	5,388.00
James Lambert	Treasurer	900.00
Jean D. Daley	Bookkeeper	900.00
Wayne Godfrey	Animal Control Officer	300.00
Terry Robie	Zoning Administrator	250.00
Fred Shipman	Trust Fund Trustee	250.00
Total		20,162.25

## Town Officers' Expenses

Ace Blueprinting Service.	copies	131.88
AT&T/Verizon	Telephone	1,443.83
BMSI	Seminars/Support	1,749.59
Charles Foote	Paint for Boundary	15.00
Conway Office Products	Copier	357.24
Robert Lang	Expenses	72.00
Fletcher Printing	Town Report	2,770.21
Gem Forms	Tax Bills	535.49
Geraldine Wood	Expenses	20.46
Intertec Books	Book	33.00
IDS	Dog tags	79.66
Jean Daley	Reimbursements	451.94
Lexis Law Publishing	Law Books	511.49
Linda Lambert	Reimbursements	1,305.00
Martins Flag	Bronze Markers	190.88
National Market Reports	Books	64.00
NEBS	Checks	130.52
New England Micrographics	Microfilm Storage	50.00
NH Assoc. Assessors	Dues	20.00
NH Assoc. of Town Clerks		80.00
NH Dept. of Agriculture	Dog Licenses	535.50
NH Dept. of Safety	Books	26.75
NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	Dues,Books,Conference	70.00
NHMA	Dues	500.00
NH State Prison Correction Dept.	Current Use Cards	78.46
Nyberg, Purvis & Assoc.	Assessing	1,425.00
Piermont Fire Dept.	Generator Repairs	300.38
Philatelic Fulfillment Center	Envelopes	740.80

Plymouth Village Water & Sewer	Dues	100.00	
Postmaster	Postage & Box Rents	1,460.25	
Register of Deeds	Recording Fees	138.20	
Red Jacket Mountain View	Tax Collector Seminar	412.00	
Tower Publishing	Book	100.50	
Tuck Press	Notices	172.00	
Wayne Godfrey	Reimbursements	174.47	
Woodsville Guaranty	Box Rent & Fees	26.00	
Savings Bank			
Woodsville Guaranty	FICA	1,488.58	
Savings Bank			
Total			17,761.08

### **Election and Registration**

Everett Jesseman		269.50	
Louis Hobbs		72.00	
Priscilla Glidden		269.50	
Geraldine Wood		333.22	
Rose Macri		198.00	
Russell Woodard		235.50	
Mary Halloran		150.00	
Linda Lambert		520.92	
Vea Jenks		310.25	
S. Arnold Shields		138.00	
Four Corners Store		337.59	
Tuck Press		215.00	
Joe Medlicott		146.25	
Suzanne Woodard		209.50	
Oakes Bros. Inc.		19.84	
Ace Blueprinting		30.00	
Qwik Copy		138.35	
Total			3,593.42

### **Town Buildings**

ADT	Electric	100.00
W W Grainger Inc	Fire Extinguisher	85.75
Visa Credit Card	Xmas Tree Lights	159.26
Robert Lang	Repairs	158.75
CVEC	Electricity	3,497.61
John Metcalf	Labor & Expenses	1,058.75
Jean Daley	Supplies	29.34
WGSB	FICA	67.00
Wayne Godfrey	Fire Extinguishers	60.00
Ernestine Fadden	Cleaning	310.00
Eddie Green	Labor	70.20
Matt Fields	Labor	105.00
Jim Lambert	Electrical Work	302.24

Linda Lambert	Chain for Voting Area	27.99	
Perry’s Oil Service	Maintenance	281.27	
Perry’s Oil Service	Fuel Oil	1,901.77	
Piermont Sewer District	User Fees	1,515.00	
C M Davidson	Remove underground tank	65.00	
Terry Robie	Labor & Expenses	1,650.00	
Various	Fire Dept. Addition	11,000.00	
Verizon	Install Telephone Lines	71.20	
Valley Floors	Mat and Carpets	1,473.45	
Total			23,989.58

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC
599.00

Police Department

John Metcalf	Labor	5,120.00	
John Metcalf	Mileage	2,222.07	
John Metcalf	Telephone/film devel.	63.19	
John Metcalf	Misc. Expense reimb.	222.00	
Tuck Press	Supplies	122.00	
Gall’s	Equipment	519.53	
Verizon	Telephone	9.20	
WGSB	FICA	499.21	
William R. Deal	Salary	1,200.00	
William R. Deal	Expenses	1,475.00	
State of New Hampshire	Certification & Books	194.00	
Total			11,646.20

Planning and Zoning Boards

Journal Opionion	Notices	98.80	
Helga Mueller	Secretary	225.00	
NHMA	Magazine	18.00	
Register of Deeds	Recording	64.33	
Gardner & Fulton	Legal Advice	953.77	
UVLSRPC	Regulations	100.00	
Postmaster	Box Rent	14.00	
Total			1,473.90

**Fire Department**

W. Alfred Stevens	Fire Warden & Training	229.56	
Keith Brick	Expense reimbursement	20.15	
Battery Zone	Batteries	113.50	
Verizon	Telephone	479.00	
C M Davidson Inc.	Fire Pond	1,626.70	
Chief Supply Corp.	Battery	50.98	
CVEC	Electricity	996.65	
Daniel's Communication	Radio Repairs	74.74	
Diesel Fuel		30.01	
Dick Waterman	Parts	53.50	
Dingee Machine Co.	Parts	29.57	
Don's Auto	Repairs/inspections	761.44	
Fairlee Fire Brigade	Air Compressor	250.00	
Four Corners Store	Gasoline	549.13	
Frontline Fire & Rescue	Clothes/Equipment	2,677.22	
Grinnell Fire Protection	Testing Equipment	21.75	
Peter Mazzilli & Son, Inc.	Fire Pond	194.50	
Pufco	Foam	247.81	
Oakes Bros. Inc.	Materials	15.99	
Gateway	Tanker Repair	237.98	
Payroll	Time & Expenses	5,369.35	
Training		316.68	
Perry's Oil Service	Prepay Oil	948.45	
Vermont Fire Technologies	Tank Fill Probe	94.90	
Pikcomm Communiations	Pagers & Repairs	917.50	
Piermont Fire Auxilliary	Supplies	63.05	
Bradford Health Services	Hepatitis Shots	177.00	
Shur Auto Parts	Supplies	61.26	
Lexis Law Publishing	Fire Laws Update	35.00	
Twin State Mutual Aid	Dues & Training	200.00	
UVRESA Inc.	Dues	50.00	
Roy Belyea	Expense Reimbursement	15.00	
Visa	Supplies	539.92	
		.92	
Wayne Godfrey	Fire Chief Salary	600.00	
Wayne Godfrey	Expense Reimbursements	286.75	
NH State Treasurer	Forestry Rakes	112.50	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	FICA	362.77	
Total			18,810.31

**Fast Squad**

Keith Brick	Training	350.00	
Bound Tree Corporation	Training	287.41	
Merriam Graves	Oxygen	46.96	
Postmaster	Box Rent	14.00	
Upper Valley Ambulance	Oxygen Tank Repairs	26.00	
Total			724.37



<b>Insurance</b>		
N.H.M.A.	5,936.00	
River Valley Ins..	315.00	
CFNH-W.C.	5,271.00	
Total		11,522.00
Library		20,000.00
<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>		
Floyd Marsh	Trucking Recyclables	4,050.00
CVEC	Electricity	310.32
White River Paper	Plastic Bags	238.08
Various	Labor	5,431.28
Janci Metals	Remove Scrap Iron	200.00
Waste Mgt. NH	Trash Disposal	21,731.31
C M Davidson	Equipment Use	380.64
Wayne Godfrey.	Expense reimbursement	114.50
Verizon	Telephone	55.46
NH State Treasurer	Recertification	100.00
WGSB	FICA	420.70
Recycling Services, Inc.	Tipping Fees	215.65
Gnomon Copy	Copies	26.00
John Metcalf	Reimbursement	57.04
Like-Nu Repair Service	Compactor Repair	557.00
IMTEC Inc	Stickers	203.29
Tuck Press	Notice	43.00
Jean Daley	Supplies	10.00
Terry Robie	Roof over Compactor	1,500.00
North Country Council	Paint Collection	45.00
Oakes Bros., Inc.	Supplies	26.44
Giddings Mfg. Co.	Signs	68.50
Total		35,784.21
Dispatch Service		3,580.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT &		2,428.00
White Mountain Mental Health		300.00
Hazardous Waste Removal		647.00
PAYT Start Up Costs		3,447.05
Haverhill Area Teen Center		300.00
ACORN		300.00
Ambulance Service		9,360.00
Highway Department		67,000.00
Street Lights		4,038.93
Highway Subsidy		26,158.27
Lily Pond Blasting		18,000.00
Welfare		4,411.43
Community Action Outreach		750.00

Grafton Senior Citizen Council	1,095.00
Memorial Day	
Wreaths	42.00
Piermont Village School	100.00
Lyme Town Band	200.00
Total	342.00

#### **Recreation Field & Swimming**

K & R Portable Toilets	Port-a-Potty Rental	318.00	
John Metcalf	Labor	831.50	
Bob Lang	Materials	30.89	
NH DES	Testing Pool	20.00	
WGSB	FICA	63.62	
Total			1,264.01

Cemeteries	3,500.00
Damages & Legal Expense	2,706.13
Contingency Fund	125.00
Revaluation Loan Payment	7,121.97
Lower Cohase	500.00
Miscellaneous Unclassified	44,428.13
Dump Closure	2,936.20
County Tax	67,194.00
School District	620,551.00

**ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**  
**Regular Account 2000 Highway Expenditures**

**Labor:**

Chris Davidson	2,345.42	
Philip Davidson	3,364.06	
Frank Emerson	580.00	
Chad Pierson	592.48	
Robert Valliant	979.08	
		\$7,861.04

**Equipment:**

C. M. Davidson, Inc.	44,559.62	
Cassidy Crane Service	420.00	
Thomson Trucking	400.00	
		\$45,379.62

**Aggregates:**

Martin's Quarry	435.00	
Pike Industries	5,366.46	
Morrill	240.00	
Warren Sand & Gravel	2,100.97	
Howard Hall	801.00	
		\$8,943.43

**Incidentals:**

Kibby Equipment	270.60	
Oakes Bros., Inc.	24.70	
H. P. Fairfield	60.50	
Tool Barn	195.00	
Tilcon	1,471.51	
		\$2,022.31

**Specialty:**

Pikcomm (radio service)		\$223.00
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**Overhead:**

Town Garage	943.71	
Repairs	1,626.89	
		\$2,570.60
Total		67,000.00

## SUBSIDY ACCOUNT

### Equipment:

C.M.Davidson, Inc.	6,964.87	
Peter Mazzilli & Son	490.00	
Thomson Trucking	1,590.00	
George Smith	393.75	
		\$9,438.62

### Aggregates:

Martin	1,440.79	
Morrill	299.88	
Howard Hall	675.00	
Cargill Salt	2,275.31	
Warran Sand & Gravel	1,033.50	
Carroll Concrete	704.75	
		\$6,429.23

### Incidentals:

Kibby	191.45	
Oakes Bros., Inc.	121.52	
Arthur Whitcomb	660.00	
Giddings	340.02	
Calco	5,897.84	
		\$7,210.83

### Overhead:

Town Garage	1,647.37	
Fuel & Oil	1,626.73	
Repairs	787.97	
		4,062.07

Miscellaneous		1,012.88
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Total Expenditures		28,153.63
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Budget		26,158.27
Surplus 1999		2,739.71
2000 Surplus		744.35



# Road Agent Report 2000

Phase III of Lilly Pond Road is now complete and hope that it meets all expectations. There was an overage concerning blasting and paving that was voted on as Article Seven at last years Town Meeting. While blasting on phase II of Lilly Pond Reconstruction (first portion) I went with the blasting company to where we just reconstructed this year to drill some test holes to find subsurface conditions. We found what we thought was ledge continuous across the top of hill near the old quarry hole. As it turned out there were two peaks of ledge sandwiching a clay pocket. The test holes at the middle happened to be in a large boulder. This pocket was about 125 feet long and 12' deep. This site condition drastically changed the project. The original intent was to blast 6' deep across the top and 8 deep at the ends, remove two feet of the ledge at the top, and four feet at the ends. Four feet of the ledge would stay in place as fractured subgrade. We now were faced with clay full of water which in effect made a large swimming pool under the road. I elected to change design and add underdrain to get rid of the water. Underdrain is typically four to six feet below finish grade and needs positive drainage away from the water, and a couple feet outside of traveled way. A trench needed to be blasted to install such. The blasting quantity which was originally +/- 1300 cy now grew to about 4,000 cy to accommodate the underdrain. Along with the quantity also grew the price, I had expected about \$ 6,000 for blasting it ended up at \$18,000. If that wasn't bad enough rising oil prices increased the paving also. I had estimated \$12,000 for paving the total ended up at \$17,757.77. To defray the cost of this overage I have asked for an Article to be placed for the amount of \$ 17,757.77. As did the Article amount increase so did the regular budget amount. The excavation was all done with the regular Highway budget. Excavation quantities went from 825 cy to 3500 cy. This explains why some of the other planned projects did not happen.

I have decided due to repeated request by a large number of residents to approach the town requesting enough money to finish Lilly Pond this next year. My original plan was to split it into three years to spread out the costs. People have made a good point in that prices are going up, and we should bite the proverbial bullet and finish it. I have estimated the sum of \$ 143,701.50 to complete the project to base course of pavement. I would then let it "settle" for a year and then top pave it. Top course is not included in this estimate. I would take \$ 20,000.00 from the subsidy account to make the Article total \$ 123,701.50. Should the majority choose to proceed with a Phased type construction the next planned phase would be to stop at a point +/- 500 feet beyond Knapp road intersection. This would cost would total \$ 73,847.50, again \$ 20,000 from subsidy so "backup" Article would request \$ 53,847.50.

My highest road concerning complaints is Piermont Heights Road. I believe, and two previous Road Agents agreed with me, that in my terms we have maintained it as well, if not better then it has in the past. I decided to put it before the town to get the majority opinion on what to do with this road. I would expect that a major clearing operation for road width, and a resurfacing might satisfy the concerned constituents request. The cost of such operation would be \$ 42,650.00. This would include clearing 15' each side of the road, common excavation to establish ditch lines, install new culverts (12 each), and resurface the entire road with 4" gravel. \$2,500.00 is budgeted in the regular budget so the Article will ask for \$ 40,150.00.

I am still in design stage for Bean Brook Road Bridge. I do not have a complete scope of project at the time of this printing, but will hopefully have a proposed cost for the new structure at the budget hearings.

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Normal maintenance has also increased. Salt has increased 12% from last year, culverts have gone up 28%, fuel to operate equipment has increased 30%, as well as others. I am forced to increase the regular budget to absorb all the increases to \$ 75,000. I have not increased the rates I charge for my own equipment since I took office, and will not increase my rates this year. The budget increase will cover all other increases. A breakdown for the budget is as follows:

Winter Maintenance	\$ 26,000.00 (includes plowing, salt, culvert thaw ect.)
Grading	\$ 8,000.00 (includes grading, picking rocks, york rake, ect.)
Mowing	\$ 3,500.00 (This year will be town wide)
Aggregates	\$ 14,000.00 (includes mud season, normal resurfacing with grading, ect.)
Equipment (summer)	\$ 15,000.00 (includes ditching, trucking for aggregates, installing new culverts. ect.)
Incidentals	\$ 4,000.00 (includes new culverts town wide, calcium, ect)
Overhead	\$ 2,500.00 (includes town garage electric, heat, fuel and oil, repairs)
Misc	\$ 2,000.00 (repair potholes, bridge rails, ect.)
Total	\$ 75,000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Davidson



**PIERMONT SEWAGE DISTRICT  
Financial Reports - 2000 Receipts:**

Interest on checking & savings accounts		315.98	
Rents & Interest Collected		17,477.98	
Total Receipts		17,793.96	
Cash on Hand January 1,2000			2,294.80
<b>Payments:</b>			
John Metcalf	Labor	4,917.23	
Donald Smith	Labor	3,350.38	
WGSB	FICA Expense	670.75	
Woodard & Curran	Testing	3,650.00	
SPEX	Testing	117.40	
Boudreault	Pumping Tanks	690.00	
CVEC	Electricity	238.40	
Woodard & Curran	Evaluation Study	1,155.68	
John Metcalf & Donald Smith	Mileage	1,341.71	
Various	Operating Supplies	807.57	
Jean Daley	Bookkeeping	250.00	
Linda Lambert	Tax Collector	250.00	
Telephone		15.93	
NHMBB	Note Payment	2,490.74	
Total Payments			19,945.79
Cash on Hand December 31, 2000-Checking account			142.97
Cash on Hand December 31, 2000-Savings account			5,217.90
Cash on Hand December 31, 2000-Money Market account			11,229.56

**Sewage Department – 2001 Budget**

<b>Operation &amp; Maintenance:</b>			
Operating Supplies		600.00	
Operator's Salary		4,900.00	
Assistant Operator's Salary		2,500.00	
FICA Expense		566.00	
Waste Water Testing		3,800.00	
Waste Water Testing Mileage		1,150.00	
Bookkeeping		250.00	
Tax Collector		250.00	
Electricity		325.00	
Pumping Tanks		1,600.00	
Mowing & Cleanup		500.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>300.00</u>	
Subtotal		16,741.00	
Long Term Debt-NHMBB		2,450.00	
Total Operation & Maintenance		19,191.00	
<b>Sewage Fees for 2001:</b>			
Long Term Debt: 34 Units at \$72		2,448.00	
Operation & Maintenance: 32.5 Units at \$515		16,738.00	
Total Sewage Fees			19,186.00

## 2000 ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT

Piermont does like to read! In the year 2000 7,127 volumes were borrowed from the library. An additional 2,357 videos went out from our varied movie collection. A total circulation of 9,484 materials is an increase from last year's figures. The library is delighted with this response and looks forward to serving the town in the year ahead.

The year's work has included interior upkeep of the library space: carpet cleaning and the replacement of spent lighting fixtures. A computer upgrade has made for speedier Internet access and new graphics capability.

Approximately 486 people came out to enjoy library programs. For the younger set, a Preschool Story Time was held 8 months of the year. Two Saturday morning programs were also offered: the Lollipop Puppets and a guitar sing-along. Our summer reading program, called We're Reading Cats and Dogs, featured read-alouds and reading journals, local speakers, and a clay modeling session. Program participants, after considering 6 different animal welfare organizations, voted to send \$37 to the Gorilla Foundation. On Halloween, the library was again open for Trick 'r' Treat for Books.

For the adults, two evening book discussions were held. One of these was a "first": an intergenerational group read and examined a piece of Junior Fiction. An evening cooking class and a slide-talk on wilderness adventures completed our program schedule for the year.

The public library continued to function as the school library for PVS. In early October to help the library, kindergarteners through eighth graders solicited pledges, then ran laps for the fundraiser Run 'n' Read. This will be a biennial event and this year it raised a total of \$1,082. This money goes specifically towards the purchase of materials for school-age children.

As is their tradition, the Library Trustees held a huge used book sale during the Memorial Day Weekend. The sale resulted in revenue for the library, as well as the recycling of materials at bargain prices throughout the community.

Two library services that continue to grow are: interlibrary loan and public computer access. With the former our patrons have access, not just to Piermont's collection, but to those of over 300 other New Hampshire libraries as well. With the second, Piermonters are offered use of the library's computer on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 4:30 til 6:30.



We are grateful to those community members and businesses who donated towards specific programs this past year, as well as to those who continue to remember us with book and video donations. One-quarter of our new acquisitions in 2000 came from donations. Thanks go to those volunteers involved with our ongoing inventory, those who have covered the circulation desk, and those who have graciously responded to miscellaneous calls for help.

Our library hours remain: Monday through Thursday 3-7 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 3 p.m. Preschool Story Time takes place on Thursday mornings at 10:45. The library can be contacted at 272-4967 or at [pvl@connriver.net](mailto:pvl@connriver.net). Please call if we can be of assistance.

CIRCULATION:	Adult Fiction	Non-fiction	Easy/Junior	Large Print
2000 Town	1507	981	1,930	19
2000 School	103	299	1,271	--

	Paperbacks	Magazines	Videos	Audiobooks
2000 Town	83	528	2354	329
2000 School	2	11	3	64

TOTAL: 9,484

# PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

## EXPENDITURES: JANUARY-DECEMBER 2000

<b><u>LIBRARY EMPLOYEES:</u></b>	
Librarian	9,120.00
Assistant Librarian	3,225.00
Social Security and Medicare	944.39
<b><u>LIBRARY SERVICES</u></b>	
Books	3,036.32
Magazines/Newspapers	398.01
Media/Tapes	740.80
<b><u>PROGRAMS/PROJECTS</u></b>	
	188.10
<b><u>OFFICE EXPENSE:</u></b>	
Copier	63.88
Office	210.43
Computer	0.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	226.00
Postage/Petty Cash	109.66
<b><u>EQUIPMENT:</u></b>	
Computer Equipment	1,462.00
Miscellaneous	79.94
<b><u>MAINTENANCE:</u></b>	
Cleaning Service	1,400.00
Snow Removal	50.00
Carpet Maintenance	100.00
Miscellaneous	510.90
<b><u>UTILITIES:</u></b>	
Electricity	848.25
Fuel Oil	811.30
Telephone	1,257.48
<b><u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u></b>	
Travel	610.29
Dues and Fees	105.00
Course Fees	289.00
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:</u></b>	
Box Rent	44.00
Bank Checks	96.78
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	
	25,927.53

REVENUE: JAN-DEC 2000

## RESERVE FUNDS:

MATON FUNDS	\$ 4740.99
VANGUARD	645.33
MEMORIALS/GIFTS	572.01

LIBRARY SERVICES:	316.18
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## PROGRAMS/PROJECTS:

ART SHOW	332.90
BOOK SALE	458.50

## ANNUAL FUND RAISER:

RUN & READ	1082.60
SUMMER READING	100.00

OFFICE REVENUE:	68.45
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ENCUMBERED FUNDS:	8949.41
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USE OF FACILITIES:	700.00
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TOWN APPROPRIATION:	20000.00
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## MISCELLANEOUS:

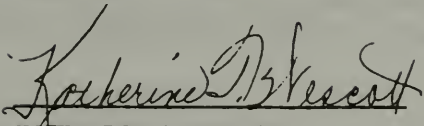
BANK INTEREST:	170.40
REFUND:	250.00

TOTAL REVENUE:	38411.77
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>24983.16</u>
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ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$ 13428.61
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BAL. RESERVE FUNDS:	5176.58
RUN & READ:	307.77
GENERAL FUNDS:	<u>7944.26</u>
	13428.61

  
KATHERINE T. WESCOTT,  
TREASURER

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY/ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: 01/02/01

## PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET 2001

EMPLOYEES	\$15,476.00
LIBRARY SERVICES	4,500.00
PROGRAMS/PROJECTS	800.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	1,650.00
MAINTENANCE	2,350.00
UTILITIES	2,950.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	1,250.00
MISCELLANEOUS	400.00
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$29,376.00

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2000

The normal activity of the Department was little changed from the past few years. We feel we need to provide more random patrol activity and hence are asking for a small increase in our budget.

However, one distinctly abnormal event in September rather disturbed us – and that was the burning on the early morning of September 10<sup>th</sup> of Gould's Smokehouse and Supermarket, by person or persons unknown. Arson – and so ruled by the State Fire Marshal, who was on scene. We do not know what sort of hatred prompted this crime, in a town that is relatively free from serious crime, but it has generated a strict and ongoing State Police investigation, from which positive results are to be expected.

One asks, "Who loses in an event like this?" The owners lose their several investments, the eighteen or so employees lose their jobs, and the town loses their tax revenue. So, everyone who pays property taxes here will pay a bit more tax yearly. There is also a sense of moral outrage that it could have happened at all.

John reminds me to mention how much we value "citizen input". If you think something strange is going on in your neighborhood, just call one of us - my telephone number is 272-5882 and John's is 272-4372 - at any time of day or night. We always answer our phones and are willing to listen and take such action as may be needed. For obvious emergency or crime-in-progress, you should call 9-1-1.

As usual we extend our special thanks to the Grafton County Sheriff's Department for supplying the continuing education we need, the State Police and other police agencies and to the town for its continuing support.

William R. Deal  
Piermont Police Department



## 2000 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Piermont Fire Dept. has been very busy this year. Calls for service were up by 45% over 1999. I went back several years and could not find any year this busy. The most calls ever were 36. This year we had 48. Luckily it was a wet summer or it would have been worse. I believe it will only get worse. With the high cost of fuel more people are going back to burning wood. A reminder – please check and clean your chimney. If you would like the Fire Department to check your chimney or stove, give me a call.

Your firefighters were also busy training, putting in 230 man-hours in training sessions. This does not include the 2 to 3 week period of grass burning.

We have two new members this year, AI METCALF and KELLY FITZPATRICK. We could still use a few more members. If interested, see me.

We also installed 12 smoke detectors this year at no cost to the homeowner. If you need a smoke alarm, please see any firefighter to have one installed.

We also did several life safety inspections. If you are planning any amount of construction and the building is to be used for public use, you must submit plans to the fire chief and be inspected to see if it meets the life safety code. This is state law. Also, if you are running a day care, you must be licensed and inspected. The same applies to foster care. In addition, by state law, the school has to be inspected every two years.

This year's budget shows an increase to cover the high cost of oil and gas, and payroll to cover the increase in calls. If you have any questions about your fire department, please ask. I have grouped calls together to keep this as short as possible.

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey, Chief

### CALLS FOR THE YEAR

12 Mutual Aid Calls  
3 Structure Fires  
9 Motor Vehicle Accidents  
7 Fire Alarms  
1 Snowmobile Fire  
1 Stand by-no phone service  
1 Smoke Investigation

2 Vehicle Fires  
3 Assist Fast Squad  
5 Chimney Fires  
1 False Alarm  
1 Lightning Strike  
1 Power Pole Fire  
1 Furnace Problem

Total Calls: 48

## FAST SQUAD REPORT 2000

There were thirty-eight emergency calls during the past year. Several of these were motor vehicle accidents, however, the largest portion of our calls continue to be medical in nature. As in other years, I would like to remind everyone that we're just a phone call away and are available 24 hours a day. If there is any question as to the need for medical assistance, please pick up the phone and dial 911. Help will be dispatched immediately.

As I mentioned in last year's report, Ellen Putnam was pursuing her EMT-I (intermediate) certification. I am pleased to announce, as I'm sure she is, that Ellen completed the course requirements, and is now a Nationally Registered EMT-I. As an Intermediate, Ellen can now start I.V.'s and give limited medications. Larry Ackerman was also pursuing further accreditation as a Paramedic. At this time he is still moving forward with this, having completed his classroom time but still needing required hospital rotation time before he can test. Please join me in thanking both of these individuals for their ongoing commitment and dedication to EMS.

The FAST squad has a new member. Keith Brick joined the squad this past fall. He has completed his EMT training and was tested in mid- December. On a sad note, Stephanie Gordon has stepped down from the squad after 5 years of service. Please join me in thanking her for her caring and dedication over the years, we will all miss her.

Last year the FAST squad requested funds for a new defibrillator for the town. I would like to thanks the townspeople for their support and to let everyone know that we were able to acquire an Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.) in August. The final cost of the device was \$3080.47 or about \$1000.00 below our requested amount. This remaining amount is returned to the general fund. All FAST squad and several fire department members have been trained in its use.

If you haven't looked into or purchased a subscription for Upper Valley Ambulance service, please do so . The cost is only \$ 30.00 and covers everyone in your household for one year. Subscription cards are available at the Town Clerk's office or at the Upper Valley Ambulance office in Fairlee. Please pick one up and read about the benefits, it's certainly worthwhile. Upper Valley Ambulance is also a local "Life Line" installer. Please give them a call if you or someone in your family would benefit from this service.

**The FAST Squad needs more people.** It is our desire to recruit at least two new members this year. Money has been budgeted for training so please come and talk to us if you are interested in joining the FAST squad. No amount of time is too small to be of assistance. We meet at the fire station, usually the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M., or you may contact any squad member.

This year we are requesting \$ 1500.00 for our budget. This money will be used for training, equipment, and consumable supplies, such as oxygen, bandaging, etc.

Have a safe and healthy year.

Respectfully submitted  
Tom Elliott  
Captain, Piermont Fast Squad

## PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2001

Telephone	550.00
Heat	1,500.00
Electricity	1,050.00
Gasoline	750.00
Payroll	5,700.00
Chief's Salary	600.00
FICA	482.00
Forestry	550.00
Twin State Mutual Aid	250.00
Hepatitis B Shots	175.00
Radio, Pagers, Supplies and Repairs	1,350.00
Truck Supplies and Repairs	900.00
Air Compressor	250.00
Training	900.00
Mileage	300.00
New Equipment	3,000.00
Testing Equipment	175.00
Fire Ponds	800.00
Fast Squad	1,500.00
Total	20,782.00



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2000

Much time has been spent in efforts to upgrade and improve our town buildings. The town office now has new carpet. The Old Church Building has a new roof. A long delay in its completion has delayed the renovation of the old kindergarten room for the use of the Historical Society. This will be done this spring.

The major focus of this year's budget will be an addition to the fire station in order to be in compliance with present handicap codes. The cost for putting in an exterior fire escape was in the neighborhood of \$7,500, therefore, we felt this money could be used in a more productive manner and give the building more utility.

The other issue that will come before you is your feeling towards the completion of Lily Pond Road. It will be your choice as to continue the Phase Development or have it all done this year. As in any project of this magnitude, there can be unforeseen problems as work goes on. In last year's phase there was the unforeseen problem of an underground spring located under the road. Because of this, more extensive blasting and culvert work had to be done to control the underground water. The biggest "enemy" of roads is water, therefore, efforts have to be made to eliminate and/or control water so that it does not harm the road bed.

Please take the time and effort to read over the Town Report. Once a year you, the citizen of Piermont, give the Selectmen their agenda for the year. It is imperative that we get a majority consensus in how to meet the town's needs as we see them and also how you perceive them. Again, please make an effort to attend the Town Meeting and vote.

Thank you for your cooperation in the last nine years. I will strive to make Piermont a stronger community in the next three years if I am reelected.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Lang, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Not received



## PIERMONT PLANNING BOARD

Meetings of the Board are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Church Building on Route 10. Members of the Board at year end were:

Peter Labounty, Chairman  
Thomas Stevens, Vice Chairman  
Robert Michenfelder  
Jean Daley, ex-officio

Suzanne Woodard  
Kay Wescott  
Fred Shipman  
Dean Osgood, alternate ex-officio

At the April election of officers Peter Labounty was re-elected chairman, and Thomas Stevens was re-elected vice chairman. At year end there were no alternate members of the Board. Alternate members are needed on the Board to fill in during the absence of regular members when a quorum is essential to vote on an application. Anyone interested in serving in the capacity of alternate member please contact one of the selectmen.

The following actions were taken by the Board during 2000:

**Piermont Master Plan** - Work on developing the Recreation Section was completed this year, and following a public hearing in June was adopted by the Board and included in the Master Plan. Work on developing a Community Facilities and Services Section is now in progress. Sections on Conservation and Preservation, and Utility and Public Service still remain to be formulated. Community members are invited to attend the meetings of the Board to give their input in the development of these sections for the Master Plan.

**Flood Plain Ordinance** - A review of the Town's Flood Insurance Ordinance, which had been adopted by the voters in 1990, is in progress. The Board is working with the N. H. Office of State Planning on the feasibility of adopting the State's Flood Plain Development Ordinance which would be easier to administer and enforce, since many unnecessary provisions will be removed which tend to complicate the existing 1990 ordinance. Once completed, the Floodplain Development Ordinance will have to be approved by the voters at Town Meeting.

**Planning Board approvals granted in 2000** - The following applications were approved: Kenneth and Catharine McGahee/John and Judith Whitcomb Trust lot line adjustment; Kenneth and Nancy Youngman/Freeman and Winona Robie and Terry and Cheryl Robie lot line adjustment on River Road; and Michael and Wendy Stygles/Freeman and Winona Robie and Terry and Cheryl Robie lot line adjustment on River Road. Also approved was a request by Steve and Christine Breton for the Voluntary Merger of two lots on Route 25C, and a request by Lyman and Betty Sue Robie for an excavation permit on their property off Route 10.

**Other actions of the Board** - An informal discussion was held on a request by Cindy Jackson for a two-lot subdivision on Route 10. At year end an application was filed and a Public Hearing on the application was scheduled for the January 2001 meeting of the Board.

Peter Labounty, Chairman

## PIERMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular monthly meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the old Methodist Church Building on Route 10. The members of the Commission are: Helga Mueller, chairman; David Ritchie, treasurer; Don Smith; Earnest Hartley; Eric Underhill; Robert A. Michenfelder; and Charles Grant.

The Commission welcomes Charles Grant who was appointed a member of the commission by the selectmen.

As of December 31, 2000, the town's Conservation Fund contains \$2,833.89, of which \$2,211.58 are in a Certificate of Deposit at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank. Contributing to the Conservation Fund are 10% of all current use lien release taxes collected by the town. This year \$150 was allocated to the fund when a property was taken out of current use. The Underhill Canoe Site fund for the upkeep of the Underhill Canoe Campsite also in a CD at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank contains \$2,941.82.

**Bedford Trails** - Members of the Commission continued work developing the Bedford Trails Town Forest on Bedford Road. This year temporary signs marking the three major trails : Dana's Loop, the Sugar House Trail, and the Lookout Trail were put in place and much time was spent maintaining and modifying the trails. For Earth Day, first and second grade students under the supervision of the Commission helped plant 100 white and red pine seedlings. Last year fifth through eighth grade students used the site as a science classroom to learn about the various tree species. This is in keeping with the Commission's vision for this site to provide nature and forestry education for students of the Village School, and for the townspeople to use the trails for outdoor activities such as hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and horseback riding.

Since the development of the site was authorized by the voters at the 1997 Town Meeting, a total of \$10,023.87 has been realized from logging, of which \$1,343.52 has been expended so far to construct trails and defray other expenses to develop the site. Much work still remains to be completed. In 2001 members of the Commission plan to develop a trail map using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and erect a permanent "Welcome" sign.

The Commission would like to thank Lawrence and Nancy Underhill and family for their donation of a park bench in memory of Lawrence's parents Stephen and Helen Underhill. The bench has been placed at the height of land on the Lookout Trail where hikers may rest and enjoy the view.

**Canoe Campsites** - The Underhill Canoe Campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access continue to be popular with the public. Almost 100 canoeists, many of them from boy scout troops and summer camps, signed the register and commented on the beauty of the Underhill site. Unfortunately the bridge at the Sarah Moore Access was vandalized,



necessitating repair at a cost of \$519.56 from the Conservation Fund. Both sites are maintained by the Commission and are open from May 1 to November 1.

**Beaver Control** - Coming to the aid of a property owner on Barton Road whose basement was being flooded by a beaver building two dams across a small stream adjacent to her home, Ernie Hartley and Eric Underhill, members of the Commission, constructed and installed wooden beaver pipes in each dam. The intent being that the beaver continues building the dam on top of the pipe while still allowing the stream to flow smoothly underneath. In some instances this method of control is effective. However, in this case the beaver decided to stop working on the two dams and started building new dams further downstream.

Although this effort at peaceful co-existence with our fellow planetarians was not successful, it did make a great outdoor science study for students of the Village School. The Commission also assisted a property owner on Route 25C with a problem beaver.

**Butternut Restoration** - Butternut trees in the Northeast are being killed by a butternut canker. Working together with biologists from the U.S. Forest Service, members of the Commission have identified two butternut trees in town which are not infected with the canker despite of being surrounded by other trees with the disease. By taking cuttings from the healthy trees and grafting them to black cherry saplings, the scientists hope to be able to develop canker resilient butternut trees. One interesting note is that although the host tree is only a sapling, the grafted butternut branch is the age of the tree it was taken from and will produce a nut after the first year from which a canker resistant tree will develop.

**Lake Tarleton Project** - In April the five- year effort to preserve 5,300 acres of land around lakes Tarleton, Armington, Katherine and Constance was successfully completed with the final purchase of 82 acres of land in Piermont and 30 acres in Warren by the U.S. Forest Service. Included in the final acquisition were 10 subdivided lakefront house lots. Most of the land has now been added to the White Mountain National Forest with 1,650 acres of forest land on Piermont Mountain protected by a conservation easement and 48 acres purchased by the State of New Hampshire for a state park. Although no management plan is in place for the state park, the public has used the beach area for swimming for the past two summers.

During the year members of the Commission monitored logging sites and wetlands projects in town. We are available to consult with property owners on logging permits, wetlands applications, information on beaver control, establishing conservation easements or complaints.

Helga Mueller, Chairman

## PIERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The officers and directors of the Society in 2000 were: Joe Medlicott, president; Helga Mueller and Linda Lambert, co-vice presidents; Fred Shipman, treasurer; Anna Williams, corresponding secretary; Lloyd Hall, director of preservation; and Betty Hall, director-at-large.

The Society is not a taxpayer-supported organization but relies wholly on the yearly dues collected from members, fundraisers, and donations from benefactors.

The Society is delighted that the 72-year old Piermont/Bradford Bridge may be placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. At a joint meeting of the Piermont and Bradford Historical Societies in November, William Thrane of Thetford, a candidate for an MS degree in Historic Preservation at the University of Vermont, discussed his research into the history of the bridge and the required documentation he has prepared for the nomination of the bridge to the Register. Both the Piermont and Bradford societies have supported Mr. Thrane in his research by providing historic facts and pictures.

Programs and activities during the year included: a program in June entitled "Myths and Facts about Lake Tarleton" by local historian and author Robert Fillion; and "The Civil War and the 5th New Hampshire Regiment" by Dr. Edwin Blaisdell, Laurie Elliott, and Arthur Pease in September. An open house at our museum rooms above the library was held in May.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the donation by Wanda Kivela and family of 19th and early 20th century textbooks which had been in use at the Piermont Village School during those times. Other donations included a cup in use at the Lake Tarleton Club and pictures of houses on Newell Hill given by Mardi McGregor and Don Smith; and a Lake Tarleton Club room key donated by Fred Shipman. We appreciate any donations of artifacts and memorabilia of Piermont's past or present.

Our museum rooms are located above the library and may be visited by calling Lloyd Hall at 272-5858. We are hopeful that sometime in the future we will be able to provide the townspeople with better accessibility to our collection. At last year's Town Meeting, the voters approved the renovation of the former kindergarten room in the Old Church Building for the use of the Society. Unfortunately, until year end the room was used for the storage of roofing equipment and has not been renovated by the Town. However, we still intend to utilize the room for temporary displays of some artifacts and memorabilia from our permanent collection once renovations have been done.

During the year the Society received and answered several requests about events and people from the Town's past. Information was sought on the Ramsey family in the East Piermont Cemetery; on members of the Jonathan Chandler family; the Carr family; the Bickford family, the Risley family; the Tarleton family; the Hawes family, and on Willis Cochran. Other requests for genealogical researches are received by the Town Clerk.



The need is great for more active members and volunteers to help with our projects and activities. Contact any of the officers listed above if you want to help the Society preserve the heritage of our Town. Our annual membership dues are \$5 per family, \$3 for individuals, and \$1 for students. Life memberships are \$50 per individual. Piermont residents over 80 years of age are automatically members and pay no dues. Donations to the Society are tax deductible.

Yearly dues are payable during January of every year and may be mailed to Fred Shipman, Treasurer, Piermont Historical Society, P.O. Box 273, Piermont, N.H. 03779

Joe Medlicott, President

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2000**

The ZBA only had one meeting in 2000. It was an informal – conceptual – discussion with High Peak, Inc., a telecommunications tower builder and operator. High Peak has expressed an interest in locating a tower in Piermont. There has been no application for either a Special Exception or a Variance as of the end of the year.

Piermont is unique in that the Planning Board developed and the Town adopted a Telecommunications Facility Ordinance in March, 1999 – well in advance of the “rush” to build these towers. We are, therefore, in a much stronger position than our neighbors with regards to the Town having a say in what happens within our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Shipman, Chairman

## TRANSFER AND RECYCLE REPORT - 2000

Well, 2000 has come and gone. With many changes, we passed a Pay as You Throw Program last town meeting. As I write this, we just finished the second week of PAYT. We have had people in the Recycling Center who had never seen the inside of the building. So the program is having the desired effect.

I would like to comment on the rudeness of some people. We had a person pull up to the dumpster and get out and start saying this and that because there was a car in front of him. Drive around! There are two sides to the dumpster. There is a person who sits in his car and blows his horn if someone is in front of him. Drive around! There are two sides to the dumpster. If you are in that much of a hurry, have your trash picked up.

On the recycling side of things, the numbers are up for the year as we finally got the steel pile cleaned up. Some of this was a back-log from 1999. It cost about \$38.00 per ton to recycle and \$93.00 to dispose of trash. It will cost even more in 2001 to dispose of trash, as the tipping fee went up to \$24.03 per ton. This will put trash at \$117.00 per ton.

We recycled 101.0 tons and had 230.0 tons of trash.

Thank you.  
Wayne Godfrey  
Manager

## 2001 TRANSFER & RECYCLE BUDGET

Waste Management of NH	27,789
Salary	7,700
FICA	600
Training	400
Electric	330
Recycle Hauler	4,770
Plastic Bags	400
State Recertification	100
Light Bulb and Battery Removal and Paint Recycling	700
Metal and Tire Removal	600
Maintain Burn Pit	350
Tipping Fee Recycling	500
Phone Calls	50
Bags and Labels for PAYT	2,600
Total	46,889
Income from Sale of Bags	20,000
Other Miscellaneous Fees	2,000
Total Tax Money Needed	24,889

## ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT 2000

2000 has been a quiet year for animal problems. Maybe people are learning to keep their animals under control. Also did not have to issue any fines this year for failure to license dogs. We will try to set up another rabies clinic this year. Watch the paper for the dates.

I responded to the following calls this year:

Stray dogs	2 calls
Animals on loose	18 calls
Investigate abuse	3 calls
Dead animals	3 calls
Dog fight	2 calls
Missing animals	2 calls
<u>Miscellaneous Complaints</u>	<u>2 calls</u>
Total	32 calls

Thank you.

Wayne Godfrey, Animal Control Officer

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2000

The stock market values and returns have leveled off and declined in some cases. This has meant less income from our trust funds. Piermont funds are invested in low risk, and therefore, lower yield investments, earning what is a reasonable income, given current market conditions.

Our investment objective has been, and remains, to maximize income from investments that pose little or no risk of principal. The principal amount of a trust fund cannot be spent – only the income – while a capital reserve fund can be spent in whole or in part for the purchase of some specified item by vote at Town/School meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Frederick W. Shipman  
Bookkeeping Trustee

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES 2000

### BURIALS

Cemetery Sexton Lou Hobbs has, since 1983, been responsible for arranging burials, lot layout and sales, marker placement and general customer service for the Piermont cemeteries. Again, a most sincere thanks to Lou for the great service (without much pay) year after year.

### GROUNDS CARE

Many thanks to John Metcalf and his able crew for the fine job done in 2000 on cemetery spring clean-up, mowing, trimming, stone repair, liming and fertilizing and fall clean-up. Piermont's cemeteries are something we can all be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W. Shipman,  
Bookkeeping Trustee



**TOWN EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Vehicular Equipment - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2000

Beginning Balance, 1/1/00	20,699.68
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	1,310.94
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00	27,010.62

**TOWN FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES CAPITAL RESERVE  
FUND**

For Fire and Emergency Service Vehicles-Cash Equivalent Fund

Beginning Balance, 1/1/00	0.00
Shares Purchased	10,000.00
Dividend Income/Money Market Fund	140.54
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00	10,140.54

**TOWN REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Revaluation of Town Properties - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2000

Beginning Balance 1/1/00	5,662.59
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	409.64
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00	11,072.23

**TOWN BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

For Capital Improvements - Cash Equivalent Fund

December 31, 2000

Beginning Balance, 1/1/00	48,610.67
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income	2,938.65
Shares Sold	<u>25,000.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/00	31,549.32



**TOWN BEAN BROOK BRIDGE EXPENDABLE TRUST**

For the Repair and Maintenance of Break Brook Bridge - Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31, 2000

Beginning Balance, 1/1/00	0.00
Shares Purchased	20,000.00
Dividend Income	281.01
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00	20,281.01

**TOWN BRIDGES EXPENDABLE TRUST**

For the Repair and Maintenance of Town Bridges - Cash Equivalent Fund  
December 31,2000

Beginning Balance 1/1/00	2,800.93
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	238.24
Shares Sold	<u>00.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/00	8,039.17

**HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND**

For the Support of the Town

31-Dec-00

<b>Name of Investment</b>	<b>Dividend or Interest Income</b>	<b>Capital Gain Reinvested</b>	<b>Total Shares Owned</b>	<b>Principal Amount Market Value or Year End Balance</b>
Western Resources	1,837.00	0.00	1,100.00	27,294.30
Liberty Utilities Fund	1,074.87	12,024.42	3,029.90	64,112.66
Fidelity Puritan Fund	3,089.38	5,121.38	5,283.55	99,489.23
Fidelity Fund	1,923.88	42,540.65	9,116.82	298,667.06
Phoenix Fund	600.24	0.00	748.45	4,760.11
George Putnam	1,469.04	0.00	2,577.28	44,251.19
Seligman Fund	918.56	2,249.13	13,233.44	177,460.40
Chesapeake/Potomac Telephone of VA.	281.25	0.00	1 5M Bond	4,641.00
Delaware Group	1,080.20	0.00	3,042.81	54,344.66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,274.43</b>	<b>61,935.58</b>		<b>775,020.61</b>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND**  
for the support of the cemeteries December 31, 2000

<b>Name of Investment</b>	<b>Dividend or Interest Income</b>	<b>Capital Gain Reinvested</b>	<b>Total Shares Owned</b>	<b>Principal Market Value or Year End</b>
<b>Cemetery Care Fund</b>				
Liberty Utilities Fund	502.36	0.00	1,416.05	29,963.58
Oklahoma Gas/Elec	561.24	0.00	452.00	11,045.98
Fidelity Puritan	3,223.62	5,343.92	5,513.14	103,812.00
Woodsville Bank CD-704862	81.87	0.00		1,776.21
Due From Operating Acct				0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,369.09</b>	<b>5,343.92</b>		<b>146,597.77</b>
<b>Cemetery Lots Fund</b>				
Woodsville Bank CD-704863	267.97			5,231.92
Due from Operating Acct				0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267.97</b>			<b>5,231.92</b>
<b>Operating Account</b>				
Woodsville Bank-23104015	90.61			6,954.50
Due Cemetery Care CD				00.00
Due Cemetery Lot CD				00.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90.61</b>			<b>6,954.50</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,727.67</b>	<b>5,343.92</b>		<b>158,784.19</b>
<b>Cemetery Payments</b>				
		<b>Amount</b>		
Green Thumb Nursery		200.00		
John Metcalf		6,862.00		
Hale Funeral Home		288.00		
JM Landscaping		20.00		
Ide's		99.50		
Stepping Stone Landscaping		112.50		
Louis Hobbs		250.00		
USPS		<u>33.00</u>		
		7,865.00		
<b>Cemetery Receipts</b>				
Town Appropriation		3,500.00		
Interest and Dividend Income		4,459.70		
Burial Fees, net after expenses		<u>207.50</u>		
		8,167.20		
<b>Cemetery Lot Sales</b>				
1 Lot in South Lawn		200.00		

# ACCRETION OF CEMETERY FUND

DATE	NAME	GIVEN
2/14/00	Chandler, George	\$50.00
7/11/02	Fletcher, Mary	\$47.25
9/12/02	Simpson, Charles H.	\$100.00
11/3/02	Platte, James	\$100.00
9/12/07	Talmon, Emily	\$50.00
4/29/09	Quint, Hosea	\$50.00
11/10/10	Drown, Stephen	\$600.00
6/4/12	Mattoon, Mrs. E.O.	\$50.00
6/6/16	Hunt, Mary	\$100.00
10/1/16	Clark, Judson	\$50.00
4/1/18	Baldwin, Hattie	\$100.00
9/1/19	Spaulding, Pearl D.	\$108.65
10/1/19	Muchmore, Henry S.	\$108.65
11/22/22	Page, Charles and Fred	\$100.00
7/1/23	Lawrence, Ellen	\$100.00
10/19/23	Kimball, Catherine L.	\$100.00
3/7/24	Learned, Sarah	\$100.00
11/17/25	Butson, James and Luvia	\$100.00
12/1/25	Stickney, Emma	\$100.00
7/1/26	Chandler, George	\$50.00
9/29/26	Colby, Sarah Hammond	\$100.00
8/3/27	Sargent, Fay S.	\$100.00
3/28/28	Manson, Ardella L.	\$100.00
7/1/28	Mattoon, Mrs. E.O.	\$50.00
7/2/28	Webster, Ellen	\$100.00
11/14/28	Knight, Albert J.	\$310.00
4/25/29	Palmer, Chestina A.	\$200.00
10/1/31	Ranney, Gertie B.	\$100.00
11/1/31	Blaisdell, Kate M.	\$100.00
7/15/33	Swift, Elsie B.	\$100.00
9/30/33	Bickford, Elizabeth	\$100.00
7/1/35	Robie, Freeman A.	\$75.00
12/1/38	Underhill, Sarah A.	\$100.00
12/10/38	Emery, Mr. & Mrs. George	\$75.00
11/29/39	Carman, Newlett S.S.	\$100.00
7/1/40	Brown, William B.	\$100.00
1/29/42	Horton, William & Mary	\$100.00
8/9/43	Hill, Joseph	\$100.00
9/1/43	Underhill, Elizabeth	\$50.00
10/13/43	Clark, Judson	\$50.00
11/29/44	Libby, Alice G.	\$100.00
11/29/44	Mead, Alice G.	\$100.00
4/6/45	Gould, Aaron P.	\$100.00
12/20/45	Ford, Edward	\$100.00
6/1/46	Manchester, Beatrice	\$100.00

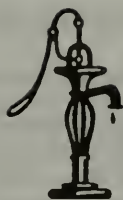


6/15/46	Dodge, George & Croydan	\$200.00
6/15/46	Cutting, David	\$100.00
10/30/47	Corliss, George	\$100.00
11/2/47	Mrs. Kennedy	\$50.00
9/4/48	Horton, Fred	\$100.00
11/15/48	Ranney, Orlene	\$50.00
11/28/49	Ames, Luella	\$85.00
11/28/49	Runnels, Arthur	\$85.00
1/2/51	Flint, Burton & Ella	\$1,000.00
11/14/52	Underhill, Stephen	\$100.00
3/29/54	Underhill, Leon	\$100.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$50.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$600.00
5/11/55	Gannett, Grace	\$5,000.00
8/20/55	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
5/29/56	LaMontagne, Claraence	\$100.00
6/13/56	Alessandrini, Simeone	\$100.00
12/25/56	Evans & Weeks	\$100.00
10/27/57	Striker, William	\$50.00
11/4/58	Robie, Lyman E.	\$100.00
2/3/59	Howard, Earle V.	\$100.00
11/25/59	Smith, George F.	\$100.00
4/13/60	Morey, Dwight	\$100.00
2/15/62	Piermont Grange	\$125.38
2/15/62	Drew, Harris	\$100.00
10/12/62	Gilbert, Ernest E.	\$50.00
8/8/63	Bedford, Arvilla	\$100.00
8/31/63	Perkins & Herrick	\$50.00
9/11/63	Delbar, Robinson & Simpson	\$100.00
9/21/63	Robinson, Fred C.	\$100.00
7/19/66	Davis, Mrs. Walter	\$50.00
11/17/66	Davis, Norman	\$100.00
12/22/66	Owen, Dr. Robert L.	\$100.00
4/17/67	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
9/26/67	Deal, Eleanor D. & William R.	\$100.00
3/11/69	Jewell, Carrie J.	\$100.00
4/29/69	Hartley, E.D. & M.	\$100.00
9/2/69	Mellin, Kenneth & Marjorie	\$100.00
4/1/70	Burns, Mrs. Lester M. & Children	\$100.00
6/25/70	Robertson, Paul H.	\$100.00
8/31/70	Weeks, George W.	\$100.00
12/15/70	Swain, Earl C. & Lillian M.	\$100.00
3/25/71	French & Heath	\$100.00
5/24/71	Fellows, Charles	\$50.00
7/31/71	McDonald, Eben & Floyd	\$100.00
12/27/71	Drew, Ralph Harris, In Memory of	\$100.00
5/1/72	Clayburn, Eda P.	\$25.00
6/30/72	Fadden, Lois & Edward	\$100.00



7/25/72	Lee, Robert E. & Mildred	\$100.00
9/7/72	McLam, N. Gordon & Lurlene	\$100.00
9/15/72	Putnam, Gladys Emery	\$100.00
10/11/72	Benson, Pauline Keyes	\$100.00
3/3/73	Simpson, J. Ralph & Elsie M.	\$100.00
6/14/73	Mitchell, Edward & Helen	\$100.00
8/1/74	Keller, Mr. & Mrs. George, In Memory of Bertha Brooks	\$100.00
12/31/74	Heath, In Memory of Carrie Simpson	\$100.00
6/16/75	Ferine, lasbelle, In Memory of	\$100.00
7/14/75	Byron, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard	\$100.00
7/24/75	Mason, Anna, In Memory of Mrs. E.H. Sheldon	\$500.00
7/12/76	Hibbard, Lloyd C. & Eudora M.	\$100.00
11/4/76	Stetson, Clinton & Edna	\$100.00
1/17/77	Webster, Ralph & Pauline, In Memory of Hattie Webster	\$220.00
7/20/77	Burbeck, Christie G.	\$100.00
7/28/77	The Ritchie Family	\$100.00
11/28/77	McDonald, Floyd, In Memory of Alice McDonald	\$100.00
6/1/78	Robinson, Phillip	\$100.00
8/21/78	The William Daley Family	\$200.00
10/9/78	Gilbert, Ernest E. & Helen L.	\$50.00
12/30/78	Ingalls, Irene D. . Martin Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Ingalls, Irene D. . Ernest D. Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Day, Martin H. . Martin Day Lot	\$200.00
12/30/78	Day, Martin H. . Ernest D. Day Lot	\$200.00
7/7/79	The Henry I. Wilson Family	\$100.00
12/21/79	Underhill, Ernest S. & Nancy W.	\$100.00
7/24/80	Wilson, George H. & Annie	\$100.00
10/7/80	In Memory of Floyd F. Davis	\$1,000.00
7/11/81	Wilson, Charles E. & Beatrice	\$100.00
8/20/82	Miller, Marianna Metcalf	\$200.00
12/4/82	In Memory of William & Vera Weaver	\$100.00
12/27/82	Brewer, James T. & Alice A.	\$1,000.00
1/24/83	Ludman, Jennie H.	\$50.00
4/11/83	Ritchie, Helen & G. Fremont	\$100.00
4/29/83	Smith, Floyd L. & Pearle W.	\$100.00
5/27/83	Stetson, Dale, In Memory of Louis & Bessie Stetson	\$200.00
10/11/83	Mack, Walter & M.W. Kenyon .	\$100.00
11/21/83	Woodard, Russell & Suzanne	\$100.00
9/22/84	Mack, Delbert	\$100.00
1/31/85	Jackson, Paul & Ellen	\$100.00
7/5/85	Whitlock, George & Betty	\$100.00
8/29/85	In Memory of Eugene B. Robbins	\$100.00
7/17/86	Mitchell, Robert L.	\$100.00
5/25/87	Gardner, Harold, Sr. & Sophronia	\$100.00
11/18/87	The Alfred & Marion Musty Family	\$100.00
4/12/88	Hartley, Ernest W. & Nancy C.	\$100.00
10/11/89	Wardrop, John & Marjorie	\$100.00
10/8/90	Sheldon, Charles	\$500.00

11/8/90	Hare, Daniel	\$200.00
4/2/91	Owen, Winifred	\$100.00
8/8/91	Hill, Evril	\$100.00
8/19/91	Hare, Margaret	\$200.00
11/2/92	Brooks, Olin C. & Maxine F.	\$25.00
11/4/93	Cheney, Donald	\$200.00
4/26/94	Webster, Ralph A. Jr. & Pauline	\$500.00
9/21/94	Hall, Lloyd E. and Betty Lou	\$200.00
12/8/94	Cole, Archie and Pauline	\$150.00
8/7/95	Mueller, Myron & Helga	\$200.00
8/13/97	Stevens, Mary	\$100.00
1/12/99	Stevens, Alfred	100.00
11/21/99	Hogan, Austin	100.00
4/15/00	Halloran, Dennis & Mary	100.00
7/26/00	Jesseman, Stella	100.00
		\$26,289.93



## Private Well Users!

Have you had your well tested recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well?

The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire:

Arsenic

Bacteria

Fluoride

Nitrate

Radium

Radon

Sodium

Uranium

Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)



Where can I learn more about this?

For further information, please visit the N.H. Department of Environmental Services' web site at [www.des.state.nh.us/wseb](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wseb), then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.

Questions? Call Alex Medlicott, Health Officer 272-4835.



## TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at [www.dred.state.nh.us](http://www.dred.state.nh.us).

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

### REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

#### 2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

##### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

##### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous *	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

\* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)



# VITAL STATISTICS FOR 2000

## BIRTHS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>FATHERS NAME</u>	<u>MOTHERS</u>
12/21/1999	Nicholas Stanley Debelois	Richard	Helen
01/06/2000	Riley Elizabeth Thomson	Dean	Gayle
03/12/2000	Cooper Michael Davidson	Christopher	Lori
05/03/2000	Alyssa Skye Prest	Cameron	Heather
06/01/2000	Joseph Michael Betz	Michael	Jennifer
06/27/2000	Alexis Meda Lang	Timothy	Tanya
08/12/2000	Felicity Rose Koch	Peter	Lisa
09/08/2000	Michael John Hutchins	Joshua	Jennifer

## DEATHS:

<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
03/18/2000	Amos F. Pierson	Woodsville, NH
06/04/2000	Charlotte Bonett	Plainfield, NH
06/11/2000	Stella Jesseman	Piermont, NH
07/24/2000	Harold Hood	Pittsfield, Ma
07/27/2000	Jon H. Adams	Woodsville, NH
08/21/2000	Phyllis Alice Lee	So. Burlington Vt
10/24/2000	Theodore J. Goodfleisch	Piermont, NH
11/22/2000	Kathleen A Stevens	Lebanon, NH
11/27/2000	Paul H. Robertson	N. Haverhill, NH

## MARRIAGES:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME</u>
02/12/2000	Timothy M.Lang	Piermont, NH
	Tanya R. Mercado	Springfield, NH
08/12/2000	Brian Keith Matthew Rose	Fairlee, Vt
	Alison Elizabeth Gould	Fairlee, Vt
10/14/2000	Asa Norman Metcalf	Piermont, NH
	Melissa Susan Burmaster	Piermont, NH



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PARTICIPATION  
AND  
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August 10, 2000

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
Piermont, NH 03779

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, not-for-profit agency which is requesting, at your 2001 Town Meeting, \$800 in funding from the Town of Piermont to help support its Community Contact Division

Community Contact has provided 37 direct energy services for Piermont's citizens and certified 17 fuel assistance households, 9 clients being elderly and 3 who are disabled. The total Fuel Assistance Benefits for Piermont CAP clients this year totalled \$11,815. The Weatherization benefit to one Piermont home was \$2,129. Emergency food and/or pantry referrals have been provided for 51 of your residents.

We provided referrals and advocacy for Piermont clients, gave crisis assistance and case management, provided budget counseling, and also shared numerous information and referral resources in the areas of housing, energy, nutrition, education, legal, health and related services.

**TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION HAS SPENT \$13,944  
ON PIERMONT CITIZENS BETWEEN JULY 1, 1999  
AND JULY 30, 2000.**

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities. We are depending upon funding from your town and neighboring communities county-wide. The local funds are combined with the Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance and NH Emergency Shelter Grant, Homeless Programs and FEMA. We also are the conduit through which the USDA Surplus Food gets distributed to the food pantries throughout Grafton County to serve our residents.

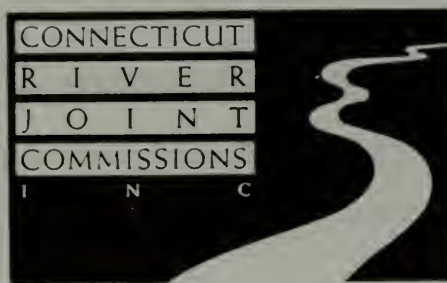
We appreciate the Town of Piermont's support and cooperation in the past and look forward to continuing our partnership to provide essential services to your residents. Please feel free to call me if you should have any questions, at 444-6653.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecilia Vistica".

Cecilia Vistica  
Grafton Community Contact Manager





## ANNUAL REPORT 2000 CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at a number of river-related issues that could affect the Town of Piermont, issues as wide-ranging as toxins in fish tissue to telecommunications towers in the sky. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed of the Connecticut River, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

Following up on the widespread public concern surrounding riverbank erosion, we have devised a way to prioritize erosion sites for restoration and convened a technical team to evaluate the top sites identified by the county conservation districts on the Connecticut River mainstem. We are preparing to seek funding to restore several of the top priority sites next summer.

This year we created a set of informational fact sheets to help landowners and communities learn more about riparian buffers, the stream side vegetation which is so important to protect against bank erosion and purify stream water. Copies are being distributed to all towns in the watershed. This material and more is free and also available on our web site: [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org).

We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to *the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it comes to their river. For example, our local subcommittees called for better information on the possible toxicity of fish tissue, which led this summer to an investigation of the river's fish by all four Connecticut River states, the first such river-long study in the country. We encourage towns to look at adopting the *River Plan* into their town's master plan.

Each of our five local river subcommittees is an active voice for river issues in its region. We also keep in touch through our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

The CRJC support efforts to safeguard natural and historic assets of the valley, and are working with valley businesses and the states of NH & VT to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway. We are providing staff and coordination for the Byway effort.

In order to help represent the interests of valley communities in the Fifteen Mile Falls negotiations, we have been an active participant and stakeholder for the last five years, and are advising the states on river flow issues.

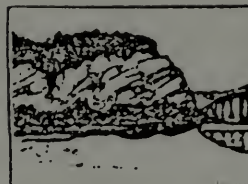
With the support of the four Senators from NH and VT, we are working hard to reinstate our Partnership Program, which for eight years provided funds for locally inspired projects throughout the watershed.

Our monthly meetings focus public attention on a wide range of topics. Meeting topics in 2000 included mercury and pollution by other heavy metals, new opportunities for rail in the river valley, boating issues, telecommunications towers, and a possible new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for Connecticut River Valley farmers. We welcome the public to our meetings, held on the last Monday of each month in various locations around the river valley.

*Robert Ritchie, Connecticut River Commissioner*  
*Sharon Francis, Executive Director*

# Upper Valley River Subcommittee

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## ANNUAL REPORT - 2000

This year, the Subcommittee has continued to provide information, advice and assistance to the states and to local landowners on a number of projects and problems on or near the river, from residential development and docks to large and small bridge repairs. We advised the State of NH on the Orford/Fairlee Bridge project, urging adequate passage for mutual aid during construction, and advising on drainage and bank stability issues.

The Subcommittee also advised the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on new riparian buffer fact sheets for landowners and towns. This free information is useful for anyone whose property lies on water, from a small brook to the Connecticut River itself. It is now available from subcommittee members, the conservation district, Cooperative Extension, and the town library. Retaining natural vegetation along the shoreline is the most effective way landowners can help protect both their riverbanks and water quality.

We advised CRJC on the newest kind of development on the horizon, telecommunications towers. Our report prompted CRJC to hold a river-wide meeting on this subject to advise towns how to guide this development so that it provides the region with good communications but does not interfere with the beauty of the river landscape.

The Subcommittee advised the states of NH & VT, Environmental Protection Agency, and CRJC on a study of the health of river sediments, and suggested water quality monitoring sites to the State of Vermont. We met with representatives of PG&E National Energy Group to discuss its dams, reservoirs, and management of the river and the effects of the new competitive bidding system for hydropower. We also met with the Purple Loosestrife Coalition on the effort to track populations of this invasive exotic in our area.

Towns in the Upper Valley region are reviewing the many tools and recommendations we have provided in the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*. Several communities are actively moving to incorporate them as they update their existing town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection.

The public is encouraged to participate in our meetings, which take place at the Lyme Town Office on the third Tuesday evening of every other month. More information, including advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, a calendar of meetings, and summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at [www.crjc.org/localaction.htm](http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm).

Citizens interested in representing the Town are invited to contact the Selectboard.

*Harold Covert, Piermont representative*

## Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Piermont

October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 40 Piermont residents (out of 122 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	x	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	=	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	1,399	x	\$5.49	\$	7,680.51
Transportation	Trips	347	x	\$8.76	\$	3,039.72
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	\$5.56	\$	0.00
Social Services	Half-hours	15	x	\$20.51	\$	307.65

Number of Piermont volunteers: 4. Number of Volunteer Hours: 712

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GCSCC cost to provide services for Piermont residents only	\$	<u>11,027.88</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2000	\$	1095.00
Received from Town of Piermont for 2000	\$	0.00
Request for Senior Services for 2001	\$	<u>1,130.00</u>

### NOTE:

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14.3%, Contributions 10.9%, In-Kind donations 16.2%, Other 2%, Friends of GCSCC 5.6%.

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Audited Financial Statement for GCSCC  
Fiscal Years 1999/2000

October 1 - September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	<u>FY 1999</u>	<u>FY 2000</u>
Dining Room Meals	69,000	73,436
Home Delivered Meals	110,374	113,404
Transportation (Trips)	38,438	40,445
Adult Day Service (Hours)	9,191	9,500
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	9,366	10,076

UNITS OF SERVICE COSTS

	<u>FY 1999</u>	<u>FY 2000</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	\$ 5.31	\$ 5.49
Transportation (Trips)	8.48	8.76
Adult Day Service	4.57	5.56
Social Services	17.79	20.51

For all units based on Audit Report, October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000



# UVLSRPC Services

## *Benefitting All Member Communities*

### **General**

- Meet with state officials and agency representatives to ensure that issues important to the Region are understood and addressed, and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Revise and update the Regional Plan.
- Update the Regional Profile, used by many businesses as a source of information about the region.
- Maintain the Geographical Information System (GIS) and respond to data requests from communities, state and federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations.
- Comply with applicable Vermont Act 200 requirements at the local, regional and state level, including participation in the Council of Regional Commissions.

### **Support for Local Boards**

- Respond to day-to-day requests for information from local land use boards and staff regarding planning and regulatory issues.
- Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
- Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member communities.
- Assist with the development and update of master plans, land use regulations, and capital improvement programs.

### **Education**

- Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series and other local land use board training workshops in New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Produce our newsletter to provide information about planning issues and other topics of regional concern.
- Organize a monthly brown bag lunch for selectmen and town managers where regional and local issues are discussed on an informal basis.

## **Environmental**

- Organize and administer regional household hazardous waste collections.
- Provide administrative support for the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee.
- Participate in Vermont Act 250 reviews and review of Developments of Regional Impact in New Hampshire.
- Work with communities, state agencies, and other nonprofits, such as the Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
- Review and make recommendations on state plans, policies, regulations, and rules related to water quality and other natural resources in New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Joint Commissions and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council.

## **Economic Development**

- Serve on the Boards of Directors of the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, the Grafton County Economic Development Council, and the Upper Valley Regional Marketing Organization.
- Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission.
- Assist with the review and development of local and regional economic development plans.
- Participate as a regional representative to the Vermont Economic Progress Council and the Vermont Downtown Development Board.

## **Transportation**

- Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit and Rideshare. Serve on the Board of Directors of Advance Transit.
- Coordinate the work of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan and to establish priorities for state funding of transportation projects.
- Provide communities with traffic data collection and analysis. Review municipal transportation-related regulations.
- Serve on the NH Statewide Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Revise and submit to NH Department of Transportation a bi-annual Transportation Improvement Program for all New Hampshire communities within the Region.


**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission  
2000 Annual Report**

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit voluntary association of 27 communities in New Hampshire and 3 in Vermont, and has been serving the region since 1963. The principal focus of the Commission's efforts is with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic development, environmental protection, and social growth in the region. We function as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, we work to obtain Federal, State, and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies and projects are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community. Examples of these include the Connecticut River Scenic Byway, the Regional Transportation Plan, the household hazardous waste collections, and ongoing water resource protection planning activities in the Mascoma River, Sugar River, Lake Sunapee, and Cold River watersheds. Connecticut River corridor activities included updating maps of Connecticut River boat launch sites for CRJC's boater education project and assistance with enforcement of boating laws, and review and comment on draft riparian buffer bulletin developed by CRJC for local board members in Connecticut River communities. All NH communities were offered guidance with a program for lowering flood insurance premiums for property owners, and assistance compiling information on proposed conservation projects in preparation for application to the new Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and nonprofit organizations. As a foundation for the region's community and economic development activities, we began work this year on building a computerized database containing locations and other key information on major employers, childcare providers, and assisted housing, as well as general demographic information for each community.

As state agencies and legislatures have recognized the ongoing importance of regional planning, we have received support from New Hampshire and Vermont, both to conduct specific tasks and, more importantly, to be available as a resource for our member communities. We have also enjoyed a close working relationship with the Grafton County Economic Development Council, the Sullivan County Economic Development Council, and the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and we anticipate a continued productive partnership.

Our Commission appreciates Piermont's participation and support, and we look forward to serving your community in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
  
Benjamin D. Frost  
Executive Director





## UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION--GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE--2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission: UNH cooperative Extension provides residents of Grafton County with researched-based education and information enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth and families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments who provide the funding and support for this educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire. With an Extension Office in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists we serve the entire state.

Our education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of a volunteer advisory council. Our current programs focus on:

- ▶ Dairy and Pasture Management
- ▶ Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management
- ▶ Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship
- ▶ Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting Education and Family Financial Management
- ▶ 4H Club and Volunteer Management that promotes Positive Youth Development
- ▶ Water Quality Education for communities, landowners and citizens
- ▶ Family Lifeskills Program (LEAP)
- ▶ After-school Programs

The Extension Staff works out of our North Haverhill office in the Grafton County Courthouse. We travel all over the county. Other grant-funded staff members provide programs through satellite offices in Plymouth, Littleton and Lebanon. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office/home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. Volunteers help expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners Program, 4H Clubs, Parenting Education Volunteers and the Coverts Project. Our work is supported by an office staff of three. Early in 2000 UNH Cooperative Extension opened a toll-free Info Line staffed by trained volunteers to answer many consumer questions. Citizens can access this line Mondays through Fridays from 9AM to 2PM at 1-877-398-4769.

Here are some ways that local residents benefitted from the work of Cooperative Extension:

- Residents in your town receive our bi-monthly newsletter providing the latest research findings.
- Hundreds of families with young children receive monthly newsletters helping parents understand the crucial first years of life.
- Families with limited resources have access to nutrition and financial education to help them stretch their food dollars, thereby providing a more balanced diet for their young children.
- Other families participated in the many educational workshops that help them to purchase and prepare nutritious foods, stretch their monthly budget and cope with raising children in an ever-changing world.
- Local farmers participated in agricultural practices that reduced the runoff from fields thereby continuing to keep our waterways clean.
- Research on soils and nitrates has reduced the level of commercial fertilizers being applied to farm lands thereby reducing costs for crop production.
- An educational kit "Preserving Rural Character Through Agriculture" developed by the NH Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture was distributed throughout the state and country.
- Students at a regional high school participated in a comprehensive survey. The results were shared with the community, service agencies and their parents.



- Another town participated in a two-day Community Profile process to help local citizens look at the issues affecting them and make plans for the future.
- Food service workers throughout the county participated in food safety programs to make sure that the food they serve is safe for everyone to eat.
- Hundreds of children and volunteers participate in 4H activities each year that include; dairy, horse, working steer, arts and crafts, science and technology, food preparation, nutrition, public speaking, shooting sports and clothing construction projects.
- The Fourteenth Annual Conservation Field Day provided more than three hundred fifth grade students with a chance to tour the county farm and learn about conservation issues.
- Landowners who were impacted by the Ice Storm of 1998 were able to benefit from programs designed to reduce the financial and environmental impacts of that event.
- Agricultural businesses received help with business plans, marketing, computer usage and crop diversification.
- Educational workshops on land use, current use, wildlife management and tree farm production helped many landowners care for their land and their environment.
- A water testing lab was established at a local high school to work with communities and individuals to test surface waters.
- Individuals moving from welfare to work participated in an intensive three-week program that prepared them for employment and the challenges of working families.
- Cooperative Extension staff members served as resources to residents and agencies throughout the county.
- By collaborating with many county, state and federal agencies we were able to multiply our efforts.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 AM until 4 PM Monday through Friday.

You can reach us: by phone—(603)787-6944; fax—(603)787-2009; email [graffton@ceunhce.unh.edu](mailto:graffton@ceunhce.unh.edu), at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah B. Maes, Extension Educator and County Office Administrator.

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE  
BY  
RAYMOND S. BURTON, COUNCILOR  
DISTRICT ONE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
ROOM 207  
STATE HOUSE  
CONCORD, NH 03301  
Tel. 603-271-3632  
[Rburton4@gte.net](mailto:Rburton4@gte.net)

It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and Council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

- If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.
- The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them

to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.

- The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235..
- As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.
- I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.
- My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.
- Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

Ray Burton



2000  
WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH  
and  
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Town of Piermont

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has been a resource for individuals and families in the Town of Piermont for nearly 30 years. During this time, our services have expanded and diversified. During the year 2000, we have continued to grow, as the number of persons needing our services increase. Currently, more than 800 people are receiving our mental health services, and 160 families with a developmentally disabled member obtain some form of assistance, often 24 hour per day housing and vocational support. Nine (9) residents of Piermont received 17 hours of service during the past year.

In these complicated and stressful times, many community members seek assistance from us for a variety of reasons, ranging from debilitating mental illness to situational crises. The support of the Town of Piermont has allowed us to continue to offer services to residents who are uninsured or under-insured.

This year could be called "the year of the child" at our organization. We have been the lead agency and fiscal agent for the CARE-NH grant. This child mental health initiative is an effort to change the system of care for children and families in order to allow children with serious emotional problems to be treated in their own community. Anyone who is a parent or is involved with youth will recognize the urgent need for both prevention and treatment of childhood emotional and behavioral issues. As we move forward, in partnership with the schools, parents, and other human service organizations involved in this project, we are hopeful that we will become a community that responds quickly and effectively to the needs of families with a challenging child.

We have also been able to offer a new array of services to families with a developmentally disabled child. We are working closely with school districts to create a local network of services, which will augment and enrich the opportunities currently available to children with special needs. Our goal is to greatly decrease the need for "institutional" or "group home" care in our region by supporting families and schools to provide "state of the art" services without the need for a child to leave home.

Along with these new efforts, we continue to provide the services which allow individuals with disabilities to function as productive citizens. You may be surprised to realize that *most* of our services are now provided outside of our building. We bring all kinds of practical supports to persons coping with mental illness, including assistance with housing, jobs, and all of the functions of daily living, which can become enormous challenges. Our philosophy is one of hope and recovery: mental illness is usually biologically based and extremely treatable. Persons with a developmental disability can contribute to their community.

As we move into the new year, we are happy to be part of a thriving community that values each of its members and recognizes that every person can contribute to the overall health of the total community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jane C. Mackay  
Area Director

NORTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES



UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

December 10, 2000

To the Honorable Citizens of the Eight Communities we Proudly Serve :

We are pleased to present our 10th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service since July 1, 1990. In the past ten years, Upper Valley will have responded to over 13,000 ambulance calls. This year we will have responded to over 770 requests for medical assistance from the eight communities we serve.

2000 has proven to be a very challenging year. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and its associated legislation placed ambulance services on a fee schedule beginning January 1, 2001. Like many other small businesses we have absorbed double digit increases in both Health Insurance and Workers Compensation coverage. Despite the fragile reimbursement landscape, we have been able to continue providing a high level of service, while preparing for the additional reimbursement challenges that lay ahead. We have expanded the range of ambulance services we contractually provide to DHMC which we hope will help stabilize some of the revenue losses.

After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2000 budget reflecting no increase in our per capita request of \$15.00/ per capita.

We appreciate the Fairlee selectboard who worked with us to design an addition to our station, and the townspeople who approved the construction bond. We invite you to stop by for a tour. Lectures, demonstrations, and CPR classes are all available for the general public. For further information please call 802-333-4043.

Our Domicile Risk Assessment Program, "Home Sweet Home...Home Safe Home continues to grow. Members of Upper Valley Ambulance trained in identifying hazards in and around your home will meet with you to offer recommendations for a safer home environment. This no cost program was developed to reduce risks around your home and help you identify hazards in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this free program. If you would like to schedule an assessment, or would like to volunteer to assist us with this worthwhile program, please give our office a call.

Many of you are familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$30 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee.

We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors who stop by to visit, or have their blood pressure checked at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator or your Town Representative, if you have any questions concerning our service.

This past July 1, we celebrated our tenth year of service with an open house and safety demonstration day. Thanks to all who donated items or stopped by to celebrate with us. Finally, we would like to invite you to our 10th Anniversary Celebration to be held this July. It is hard to believe that ten years have passed since we first began service as your community provider. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continue striving to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Larry Lancaster, Chair

Board of Directors

Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.



Swiftwater Road, P.O. Box 2001, Woodsville, New Hampshire 03785-2001 • 603-747-9000 • FAX 603-747-3310

January 9, 2001

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
New Hampshire 03779

Dear Members of the Board:

It certainly has been a very exciting year at Cottage Hospital. Over the past year we saw the completion of the Rehab Building housing PT, OT, Podiatry and Orthopedics, and most recently Cardiac Rehab. We also converted to a new computer system that will provide us with better management information, as well as networked clinical information for our physicians and other healthcare professionals.

This year Cottage Hospital did finish the year with a small loss from operations. This was primarily the result of the federal cuts in healthcare reimbursements. We will be addressing this small loss from operations this year.

At Cottage Hospital we are all very proud of the personal care that we are able to give to our patients. Time and time again, we hear from patients and family members about the outstanding care they have received while in our care.

We know our communities are supportive of our institution, and we are extremely grateful for the financial support that our area towns have provided over the years. Although funds are always needed at Cottage Hospital, we know there are many worthy organizations also asking for money this year. Therefore, the Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees has decided NOT to ask the town of Piermont for financial support for the seventh consecutive year. We thank you for your continued support and pledge to continue to do our best to provide you with the best healthcare possible.

We will appreciate your including this message in your 2000 Annual Report and we will forward you our 2000 Annual Report as soon as it is available.

Best wishes for a healthy year.

Sincerely,

Reginald J. Lavoie  
Administrator

# VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC. REPORT TO THE TOWN OF PIERMONT

Continued changes in our nation's health-care system mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community-based agencies. We are very appreciative of the continued support that the Town of Piermont provides to help us meet the home care, hospice, and family support service needs of people in your community. We offer services that help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; we promote community wellness; and we provide important services to families at risk:

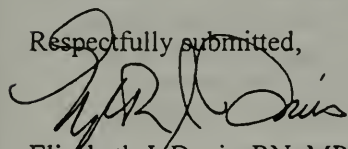
- Town funds help provide care for people who require necessary services but are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.
- Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community — people of all ages and all economic means use our services.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.
- Our clinical staff provide skilled services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long-term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

The Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. provided the following services in the Town of Piermont during the past year:

<i>Visits</i> <i>(July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000)</i>		<i>Hospice VNH Volunteers</i>	
		Families Served	1
Skilled Nursing	384		
Physical Therapy	99	<i>Well Child Clinics</i>	
Speech Therapy	32	Children	5
Occupational Therapy	16	Clinic Vists	5
Medical Social Worker	30		
Home Health Aide	947	<i>WIC Program</i>	
Hospice	39	Clients	8
Total Visits	1,547	Clinic Visits	46

On behalf of people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH

EJD/kdr

cc: Al Marchioni



November 10, 2000

Jean Daly, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Piermont  
PO Box 67  
Piermont, NH 03779

Dear Ms. Daly:

As you prepare the Town Budget for the year 2001, I write to thank you and the citizens of the Town of Piermont for partnering with the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. (VNA) to ensure home health, hospice and family services for all that need them. Together we are able to provide necessary care for your community's most vulnerable citizens – those who are underinsured or who have no resources at all.

Over the past several years, however, the disparity between Town of Piermont's allocation and the cost of providing services for your community has grown to proportions we can no longer carry. We need your help!

For 1999-2000, your allocation was \$2,528 while free and subsidized care actual costs were \$8,328. This was the third consecutive year that the VNA has absorbed a deficit of this proportion --- not only for Town of Piermont but also for more than 40 of the 71 towns we serve! As in the past, we would like to have \$100 of your total allocation will help to support our Hospice program.

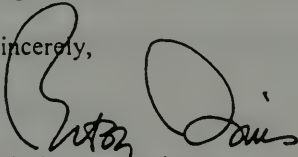
Therefore, we are asking Town of Piermont to increase your allocation to \$2,670 for 2001, with the understanding that a difference of \$5,658 remains between the new allocation and the actual cost of providing services to your community. While the VNA has been challenged by Medicare cuts of 33% during the last three years, please note that no town is being asked for an increase of more than 11%.

With your help, with the redoubling of our own fund-raising efforts and with constant streamlining of our delivery of services, we are attempting to close the agency-wide gap between the cost of providing services and reimbursement. The VNA simply cannot continue to run at a deficit. We are not alone. Of the 10,000 home health care agencies nationwide, over 3,000 have closed in the last three years.

We thought you might like to know that the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. and our Hospice program have been recognized for quality services where the most recent survey by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations resulted in "Accreditation with Commendation" and a score of 99! In spite of severe fiscal pressures, we work hard to provide the best possible services for our patients and families.

Your collaboration with the VNA is vital to the continued well being of your community and we ask that you give this increase in allocation special consideration. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH  
President and Chief Executive Officer

EJD/kdr

cc: Al Marchioni

Enclosure – Report of Services for Town Report





GRAFTON • COUNTY

# Senior Citizens

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## COUNCIL INC.

P.O. Box 433 • Lebanon, NH 03766-0433 • 603 / 448-4997 • Fax: 603 / 448-3906

### GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2000

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2000, 40 older residents of Piermont were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Haverhill and Orford senior programs:

- Older adults from Piermont enjoyed 312 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 1,087 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Piermont residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 347 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 15 visits by a trained social worker.
- Piermont's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 712 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Piermont residents in 2000 was \$11,027.88.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Piermont's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

# ACORN

AIDS Community Resource Network

November 16, 2000

Dear Town of Piermont:

We are writing to request that you consider allocating town funding for the care of our community members who have HIV/AIDS. Today, more than ever, we can do something about the problems around us. Worldwide, AIDS is an epidemic of every gender and culture. "Worldwide" is an important perspective not only because people matter wherever they live, but also because on a shrinking planet what's global today is local tomorrow. If AIDS has taught us nothing else, it has shown us that the virus pauses at no national border. While we like to think of ourselves as safe in rural New England, the reality is that HIV/AIDS is here.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that there are currently 330-430 HIV+ people in Vermont and 600-1500 HIV+ people in New Hampshire. This past year, ACORN acquired eleven (11) new clients who are HIV infected. For the first time in our history, the percentage of new cases, (54%) represented risk groups other than gay men. This profile is consistent with national trends where we see new cases of HIV infection declining in the gay community and escalating in alarming rates among other risk groups.

ACORN's mission is "to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS to live fully and with dignity and to stop the spread of the virus through education, information, and understanding." At this time of decreased federal and state funds, our wide range of services is becoming very difficult to provide and we rely upon the financial help of the municipalities that we serve.

We are requesting financial assistance from Piermont and the other communities which we serve. While confidentiality rules prohibit us

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(802) 295-8777 • (800) 816-2220 • FAX: (802) 295-3278 • E-mail: [acorn@valley.net](mailto:acorn@valley.net)

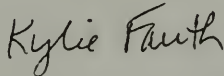
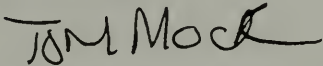
from disclosing the number of HIV/AIDS infected persons in any specific municipality, ACORN provides and coordinates services for over 150 infected and affected individuals in more than 50 local communities of four counties in Vermont and New Hampshire.

These services include practical assistance such as transportation, hospital visitation, and help with day-to-day tasks. ACORN provides a monthly home delivery service of food and personal care products directly to our clients' homes. We offer support groups for individuals who are HIV infected, their negative partners, and couples. We also offer education and prevention programs for schools and community groups.

ACORN provides a minimum of \$200 a year in emergency assistance per client, plus a \$50 stipend each month per client from a program we call The Well Being Fund. This is a minimum total of \$600 a year in financial support per client. Financial assistance from municipalities will go directly to services and educational activities that will prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and the ignorance and prejudice that make our efforts necessary. Please consider our request for \$300 in your budget for the Year 2001. We would be happy to send a representative to any meeting where our request will be reviewed.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to receive a response at your earliest convenience. In pledging your support to ACORN, you are allowing us to act on your behalf to guarantee that people living with HIV/AIDS in our community have food, clothing, housing and access to medical care.

Sincerely,



Tom Mock and Kylie Fauth  
Executive Directors of ACORN



# Haverhill Community Resources, Inc

January 12, 2001

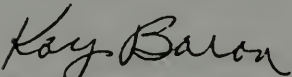
Selectmen's Office  
Town of Piermont  
PO Box 67  
Piermont NH 03779

Re: Financial Support for Programming

Haverhill Community Resources, Inc. is submitting letter of request for a financial contribution of \$300.00 on behalf of Haverhill Area Teen Center. In the past contributions have aided in the Juvenile Diversion dances that are held once a month during the school months. Teens from both sides of river, Woodsville, NH and Wells River, VT and surrounding areas attend this event at the Morrill Building in New Haverhill, NH.

If you have any questions or need information regarding this request please call at the above number. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kay Baron  
Haverhill Community Resources, Inc



ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
SCHOOL BOARD  
of the  
PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
for the  
FISCAL YEAR  
July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

## **ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **SCHOOL BOARD**

Fred Shipman, CHAIR  
William Daley  
Lisa Knapton

Term Expires 2001  
Term Expires 2002  
Term Expires 2003

### **MODERATOR**

Arnold Shields

### **CLERK**

Linda Lambert

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Alex Medicott

### **TREASURER**

James Lambert

### **AUDITORS**

Plodzick & Sanderson

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Linda J. Nelson  
Dr. Howard R. Goodrow (Interim)

### **1999-2000 STAFF**

Amos Kornfeld - Principal/Grades 7 & 8  
Dale Gilson - Kindergarten  
Brenda Bianchi - Grades 1-2  
Eileen Belyea - Grades 3-4  
Nancy Sandell - Grades 5-6  
Lawrence Duffy - Grades 5-8 Math  
Paul Munn - Social Studies  
Kimberly Fontaine - Music  
Paula Poirier - Art Education  
Debbie Eaton - Reading Recovery  
Betsy Nadeau - Special Education Teacher  
Cameron Prest - Physical Education/Health Education  
Sarah Ball - Instructional Assistant  
Judith Canning - Instructional Assistant  
Ben Gitchel - Instructional Assistant  
Pamela Hartley - Instructional Assistant  
Heidi Osgood - Instructional Assistant  
Martin Smit - Guidance  
Marianne O'Malley - Sign Language Interpreter  
Carol Priestley - Library Assistant  
Barbara Dunbar - School Nurse  
Cindy Jackson - School Secretary  
James Raper - Custodian  
Linda Lea, Tammy Collins, Vicky Latona - School Lunch

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Old Church Building in said district on the 13th day of March 2001, polls to be open for election of officers at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

- ARTICLE 1: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a School District Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 4: To choose, by non-partisan ballot, one School Board Member for a term of three years expiring in 2004.

Given under our hands at said Piermont this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2001.

Fred Shipman, Chairperson

Lisa Knapton

William Daley

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Piermont, County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Piermont Village School in Piermont on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2001, action on the Articles in this Warrant to be taken commencing at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

- ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 2: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received for state adequate education grant together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. This article is exclusive of any other article on this warrant. (The school board recommends: \$1,181,581.00)
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Special Education Expendable Trust Fund to meet the expenses of educating persons with disabilities in accordance with RSA 35:1-b, and further, authorize the transfer of up to that amount from the June 30, 2001 undesignated fund balance (surplus), and to designate the school board as agents to expend said fund. (The school board recommends this article.)
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for building maintenance and, further, authorize the transfer of up to that amount from the June 30, 2001 undesignated fund balance (surplus), and designate the school board as agents to expend said fund. (The school board recommends this article.)



ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will raise and appropriate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established School Building Capital Reserve Fund and, further, authorize the transfer of up to that amount from the June 30, 2001 undesignated fund balance (surplus), and designate the school board as agents to expend said fund. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20c, to be known as the Technology Trust Fund for the purpose of maintaining and updating technology in the school. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) toward this purpose and further authorize the transfer of up to that amount from the June 30, 2001 undesignated fund balance (surplus) and to name the school board as agents to expend from said fund. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Piermont this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2001

Fred Shipman, Chairperson

Lisa Knapton

William Daley

PIERMONT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2000  
TOWN OF PIERMONT**

Moderator S. Arnold Shields opened the School District Meeting at 7:02PM on March 21, 2000 at Piermont Village School. Present were Piermont residents, School Board members, SAU 23 Superintendent Nelson, Pat Amsden, SAU office; and SAU 23 Asst. Superintendent Penkert. Pledge of Allegiance led by the Moderator. Moderator requested that people wishing to speak be recognized and state their name. Moderator stated that he had received no petitions for ballot votes. Therefore vote counters if needed would be Lisa Garrett and Jim Musty. Votes would be voice, show of hands, or division of house.

Newly elected Board member, Lisa Knapton was introduced and sworn in by Moderator.

Motion to dispense with reading of the Warrant by Joe Medlicott, seconded by Steve Daly. No discussion. Voice vote-Aye.

**ARTICLE 1 – To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.**

Motion by Jean Daley to pass over. Second by Steve Daly. No discussion. Voice vote – Aye.

**ARTICLE 2 – To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the salaries of the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received for State Adequate Education Grant together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balanced is to be raised by taxes by the town. This article is exclusive of any other article on the warrant. (The School Board recommends \$1,179,803.00.)**

Board Chair Alex Medlicott asked that the figure printed be changed to \$1,176,303. No objection from the voters. Motion by Jean Daley. Second by Steve Daly. Discussion – Medlicott stated that a total of \$3,500 was changed between the budget hearing and the meeting tonight. Changes occurred in field trip transportation and staff training. Robert Elder asked for explanation of the \$83,000 increase and stated that he had just arrived. Medlicott responded that approximately \$63,000 is in regular ed.; \$21,000 professional salaries (\$11,000 in raises, \$10,000 in ¼ position that is being added.) Medlicott explained the proposed salary schedule. \$8,000 of the increase is in health insurance costs; 4% increase to support staff; part-time technology coordinator; \$24,000 increase in high school tuition due to number of students. Jim Musty asked if the ¼ time teacher will remain next year. Medlicott responded yes. No further discussion. Moderator asked if the house was ready to vote. Voice vote – Aye.

**ARTICLE 3 – To see if the District will raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund to meet the expenses of educating persons with disabilities in accordance with RSA35:1-b, and further, authorize the transfer of that amount from the June 30, 2000 undesignated fund balance (surplus). (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)**

Motion by Helga Mueller, second by Jean Daley. Robert Elder asked where \$5,000 differentiated from \$88,000. Medlicott responded that the \$5,000 would come from this year's surplus if there is one. He stated that this is an option if there is a surplus. If there is no surplus, no money will go into that fund. He stated that there is no relation between the two figures. Tony Smith asked for clarification that if there is no surplus, no money going into this fund. Medlicott responded that was correct. No further discussion. Voice vote – Aye.

**ARTICLE 4 – To see if the District will raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 to be added to the Building Maintenance Trust Fund for building maintenance and, further, authorize the transfer of that amount from the June 30, 2000 undesignated fund balance (surplus). (The School Board recommends this Article.)**



Motion by Jean Daley. Second by Joe Medlicott. Helga Mueller asked if this article means the same thing as Article 3, and also how much surplus the Board anticipates. Alex Medlicott responded that it does mean the same thing and deferred her second question to Pat Amsden. Amsden responded that at this point approximately \$30,000 is expected. \$15,000 could be contributed to the Trust Funds and \$15,000 could be returned to the Town. No further discussion. Voice vote – Aye.

**ARTICLE 5 – To see if the District will raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 to be added to the School Building Capital Reserve Fund and, further, authorize the transfer of that amount from the June 30, 2000 undesignated fund balance (surplus). (The School Board recommends this Article.)**

Motion by Helga Muller. Second by Eileen Belyea. No further discussion. Vice vote – Aye.

**ARTICLE 6 – (By Petition) To see if the town will vote to instruct the Piermont School Board to start the process by which the Piermont District can become part of the Rivendell Interstate School District.**

Motion by Jim Lambert. Second by Roy Belyea. Gina Oakes stated that she would like to amend the article to state the following, "That the Piermont School Board seek information regarding the Rivendell School District. This process should begin after the Rivendell School District has been in full operation for a term of no less than one year". Brian Garrigan stated that he would choose a different tact. Moderator stated that Garrigan needed to speak to amendment. Garrigan stated that he is against this article and townspeople should send the Board a clear message – Piermont has had a long tradition of choice, there seems to be no savings, at this point we're not interested! Applause. B. Garrigan recommended voting down the article. Gina Oakes stated that at this point the Rivendell District has nothing and it is too early to begin a process of looking into joining them, there are too many unknowns. Oakes also stated that she is willing to withdraw her amendment if it means being able to vote the article down. J. Lambert stated that he wrote the article. His intent was to look at another option, and to get more



information about Rivendell. Lambert commented that he has tried to get figures from the Rivendell committee, but has received nothing. Medlicott stated that he has talked with Alan Avery and no one is getting any answers because at this point there aren't any. He commented that Piermont will keep the dialog open with the people in Orford as we have all along. The Board looks at Rivendell as an option – but not yet. Glen Meader stated his agreement with Oakes and asked that the article be voted down. No further discussion. Vote on amendment. Voice vote – Nay. Discussion on original article. Garrigan urged those in attendance to vote no and send a clear message of no interest. Kay Gould stated that she had attended a Rivendell budget meeting and there were no hard figures. She stated that she feels they are grappling with major issues. She stated her objection with even considering Rivendell until they prove themselves. Glen Meader stated that he had been at the same meeting and is opposed to this article because of the deficiencies that Rivendell is dealing with now. Tony Smith commented that he is against the article. He feels that to do this now is a horrendous mistake. He stated that education seems to be moving against consolidation, there has been no construction started yet. He doesn't feel they will be ready by Sept. Smith asked the Board their feeling of this. Shipman responded that he feels it is way too early, there are too many unknowns re: budget, enrollment, etc. He doesn't want to give up any local control of K-8 students. Smith spoke of his opposition to large consolidated schools. He feels they are intimidating to students and parents. Dean Osgood stated that for many years the School Board has monitored other districts to see what is best for Piermont. He feels we need to trust that the Board will do what is best for Piermont with this situation. No further discussion. Voice vote – Nay.

**ARTICLE 7 – To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Tony Smith asked that the time of the Annual School District meeting be changed to 8:00 pm next year. Motion by Kay Gould. Second by Ed French. Shirley Lang asked if we could compromise at 7:30 pm. Shipman commented that the Town Meeting doesn't start until 8:00 pm because ballots have to be counted after the polls close. We don't have that conflict. Voice vote to change time of meeting to 7:30 pm – Aye.

Fred Shipman expressed appreciation to Alex Medlicott for

his twelve years of service as a School Board member. Medlicott was presented with a crystal apple and received a standing ovation. Shipman also welcomed Lisa Knapton to the Board. Bernadette Ratel asked if we can investigate pulling out of the SAU – can we run the school ourselves? Medlicott responded that ever since Lin-Wood and Monroe left the district, most districts have asked themselves that question. The short answer is no. It would cost us more to do ourselves what the SAU does for us. Kay Gould asked the moderator if it was out of order to be discussing this at this point in the meeting. Shields responded that he would give Nelson a moment to respond to the question. Shields then stated that he took part in a classroom project here at PVS last week and was duly impressed with the students. He stated that he thinks the town is in good hands.

Motion at 7:55 pm to adjourn by Jean Daley. Second by Helga Mueller. Voice vote – Aye.

Submitted by Cynthia Putnam  
School Board Recording Secretary

**TO THE CITIZENS OF PIERMONT, SCHOOL BOARD, FACULTY,  
ADMINISTRATION AND STUDENTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

It is with sincere pleasure that I submit my first annual school district report. I would like to discuss the following activities with you. I will discuss your school board's work over the last few months, the work of our professional and support staff, and some of the initiatives we wish to promote over the next few months. My six months in the district has provided me the occasion to listen and learn about the work our employees are doing. I have had many occasions to visit schools, classrooms, attend various school functions and to become a member of the community.

Each month I have submitted an article to the local newspaper titled "THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER". I use the article to inform the communities about the activities that are taking place in the schools and to update you on some of the upcoming events that are taking place in your school district. I hope that by submitting the article on a regular and consistent basis it will assist all of us with communicating the work we are doing. I hope you find the article informative and if you wish me to pay more attention to a particular subject or topic, I would be happy to attempt to accommodate your requests.

One of the first activities that needed to be addressed when I arrived was to have each school board develop Board Goals. We developed Board Goals during the month of September and adopted the goals in October of this school year. Board Goals assist us in focusing on where we are going. It will sometimes drive the decisions we make. Board Goals become the anchoring document when we are questioned as to why we have proposed a particular program and the related cost. Board Goals also assist us with approaching issues in a systemic fashion, thereby not having us react to a problem, but work collaboratively in resolving the conflict or issue.

**PIERMONT BOARD GOALS**

**GOAL:**

The Piermont School Board will attain a better understanding with regard to the development and future financial implications of their current budget and the budget proposed for the 2001-2002 school year.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- The SAU office will have quarterly reports presented to the Piermont School Board and discussed by the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business. Inclusive with the reports will be the appropriate backup when reviewing the district's manifest such as invoices and payroll checks. (October 2000, January 2001, April 2001, June 2001)
- When/if the occasion arises and there is request to follow-up on information that was submitted to the board, due in part to the monthly financials for the Piermont School District, they will be addressed by either the Superintendent or the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business. A timely response will be



forthcoming to the Piermont School Board from the SAU Office. (September 2000-June 2001)

- The building administrator and the school secretary will be engaged with the financial office of the SAU in the development of a comprehensive, systems managed, proposed budget for the 2001-2002 school year. (October 2000 - March 2001)
- The Piermont Village School Principal, the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business and the Superintendent will present and discuss the proposed budget for 2001-2002 with the appropriate backup. (October 2000 - March 2001)

**GOAL:**

The Piermont School Board will develop and publish a School Board Newsletter to be disseminated at least twice a year.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- One member of the Piermont School Board will volunteer to review the minutes of each board meeting and the information in the Principal's Newsletter, and commence identifying which information will be included in the School Board Newsletter. (August 2000-June 2001)
- The same board member will also draft any position statements the board may have to address which will also be included in the School Board Newsletter. (December 2000-June 2001)

**GOAL:**

The Piermont School Board wishes to have a better understanding of the educational role and relationships between the Administration, the Piermont School Board, the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Members of the Piermont School Board will, when the occasion allows itself, attend appropriate workshops conducted by the various state educational agencies to become better informed and trained. (September 2000-June 2001)
- The Administration for the Piermont School District will occasionally provide appropriate articles for the Piermont School Board to read in an effort to keep members better informed and assist them when making policy decisions. Board members will be encouraged to seek information from the Central Office. (September 2000-June 2001)

**GOAL:**

The Piermont School Board wishes to develop a Capital Improvement Plan for the Piermont Village School.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- The Assistant to the Superintendent for Business, the Principal and the Custodian will complete a Capital Improvement Inventory to be submitted to the Piermont School Board and the Superintendent for review. (December 2000)



- The recommendation on the Capital Improvement Inventory will provide the impetus for incorporating related expenses to meet the capital improvement for the Piermont Village School. (March 2001)

Each School Board will be examining and assessing their goals through the leadership of the Superintendent, Principal and the New Hampshire School Board Association this spring.

We have aggressively pursued analyzing the NHEIAP test results completed in May of 2000 which were received this past October. Each school principal and/or guidance counselor organized a presentation with the school board, faculty and parents of students in grades 3, 6, and 10. While the attendance was light by the parents and citizens, we presented the results with the critical eye toward any necessary revisions to the curriculum objectives. The plan here is to make sure that we are teaching the necessary learning objective and in the correct grade. If you have not had the opportunity to receive the information that was presented to your community, I would urge you to speak with your school principal so he/she may gather the information for you.

It is my intention to have members of the SAU faculty work on continuing to review our test results. It is important not only to revise our curriculum based on the New Hampshire Assessment, but also to analyze the standardized tests we implement during the academic year. Unfortunately, we do not receive the results of the tests before school dismisses in the spring. Therefore, for effective change to occur it is imperative we analyze the results and begin to incorporate appropriate changes in a more timely fashion. This is why it is my intention to have some members of the faculty working in teams this summer on the districts' curriculum. I submitted a summer curriculum plan to the SAU Board in January for their review, describing the types of activities the faculty will be participating in this summer.

I also want to recognize the work of the Curriculum Advisory Committee that has been in existence for almost ten years. This committee represented by faculty, administration and a board member present to the SAU Board their recommendations for adoption of an appropriate curriculum. This year the SAU Board will be asked to approve the World Language and Language Arts Curriculum. It is also anticipated that we will ask the board to approve the Social Studies Curriculum. While continuing the curriculum work this summer, we will have members of the faculty working on revising the Math and Science Curriculum. The guidance counselors in the district are also working on their curriculum and that document may not see the SAU Board until the fall of 2001. As you can see, we have a lot of work to cover over the next few months.

Our faculty continues to participate in professional development activities for improving classroom instruction. In collaboration with the Orange East Supervisory Union located in Bradford, Vermont, our faculty is learning how to improve their instructional practices through a class titled Understanding Teaching I. This class was developed through the research

of Jon Saphier and Bob Gower who also established an organization dedicated to the professionalization of teaching, titled Research for Better Teaching. The entire Piermont faculty has been engaged in our Research for Better Teaching this year. The faculty and administration have demonstrated a commitment to improve their teaching practices and I want to commend them for extending themselves in this endeavor. I should inform you that the SAU district administrators have also participated in the class. In 2002 there will be another session titled Understanding Teaching II, and we will once again collaborate with Orange East Supervisory Union.

We are moving into our second year with our new math program titled Everyday Math. We will continue to assess our students' performance in this area and we anticipate that the change will continue to improve our students' math performance. This year we also presented to the community, parents and School Board the results of the May 2000 statewide assessment tests. Once again this is another opportunity for us to assess performance, identify the learning objectives where we have been successful and identify the ones that we need to improve upon.

We are in the process of rewriting the Professional Development Master Plan. The plan must reflect the changes promulgated by the State Board of Education for the recertification of the professional faculty. The Master Plan will incorporate building and district goals, which will be reflected in the professional development growth plan each teacher must write and have approved by their building principal. We will also have a professional development committee that will, among other assignments, begin to plan professional development activities for the faculty.

During the development of our SAU budget, I found it necessary to increase the time and effort of our Director of Special Education. Currently the position is halftime. It is my intention to have the position increase to full time, with a day being dedicated to the supervision of the pre-school program. Ms. Deb Smith, who is serving in the dual role of half time pre-school teacher and half time director, will fill the role of full time director starting in July of 2001. We will be searching for a candidate as accomplished as Ms. Smith to fill the position of pre-school teacher in the fall.

We are also commencing with the search for a third speech pathologist to serve the school districts. We currently have two speech aides assisting the two pathologists. If we are successful with locating a third pathologist, we will not utilize the model of having speech assistants providing direct service. We have had specialized contracted services through NCEF for many years and we will continue to do so however, the school psychologist is a service we will attempt to hire as opposed to contracting. If we are successful, we will be able to better control the delivery of the services as opposed to contracting it from outside the area.

I must commend the faculty and other agencies for their aggressiveness in obtaining and being awarded a grant. We received approval of a Goals 2000 Grant that Mr. Brent Walker, WHS Assistant Principal, had crafted. The grant primarily addressed the professional needs



of the district guidance counselors. NCEF received a Technology Grant, which will provide to Woodsville High School the ability to do video conferencing, among other activities. We have the technology committee working on the revision of our technology plan; the current plan expires in June of 2001. Glen Page (WHS) and other collaborators have applied for the Round 5 Technology Grant. WES Principal, David James, received a Literacy Grant from NCEF. The HCMS staff and administration was awarded a grant to support the Young Authors Literacy Program. These awards have assisted the school district and the students by improving some of the expressed needs in the district.

In closing, I wish to let you know that I have received a very warm welcome from the community and I am once again enjoying the community that I have been away from for some time. It is nice to come back to the North Country. You should know that we have very dedicated faculty, support staff, administration and school board who are committed to providing an equitable education to your children and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Moccia C.A.S.  
Superintendent of Schools

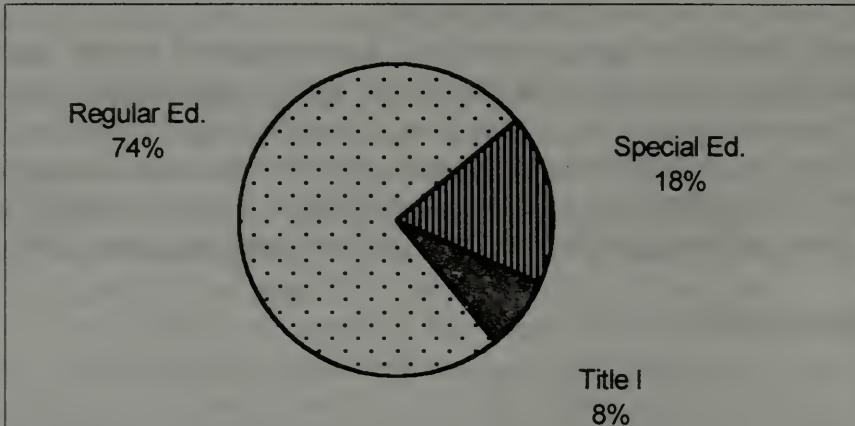


# PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1999-2000

## STUDENT POPULATION

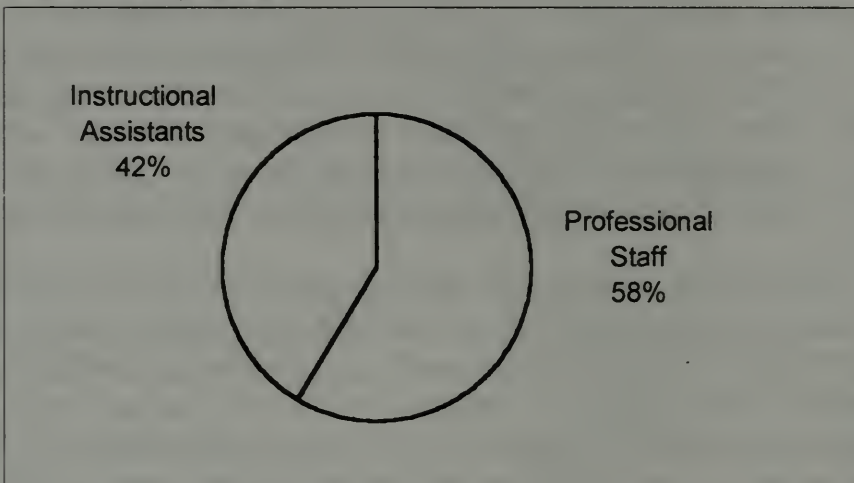
Special Ed.	14
Title I	6
Regular Ed.	59
Total Students	79



## STAFF POPULATION

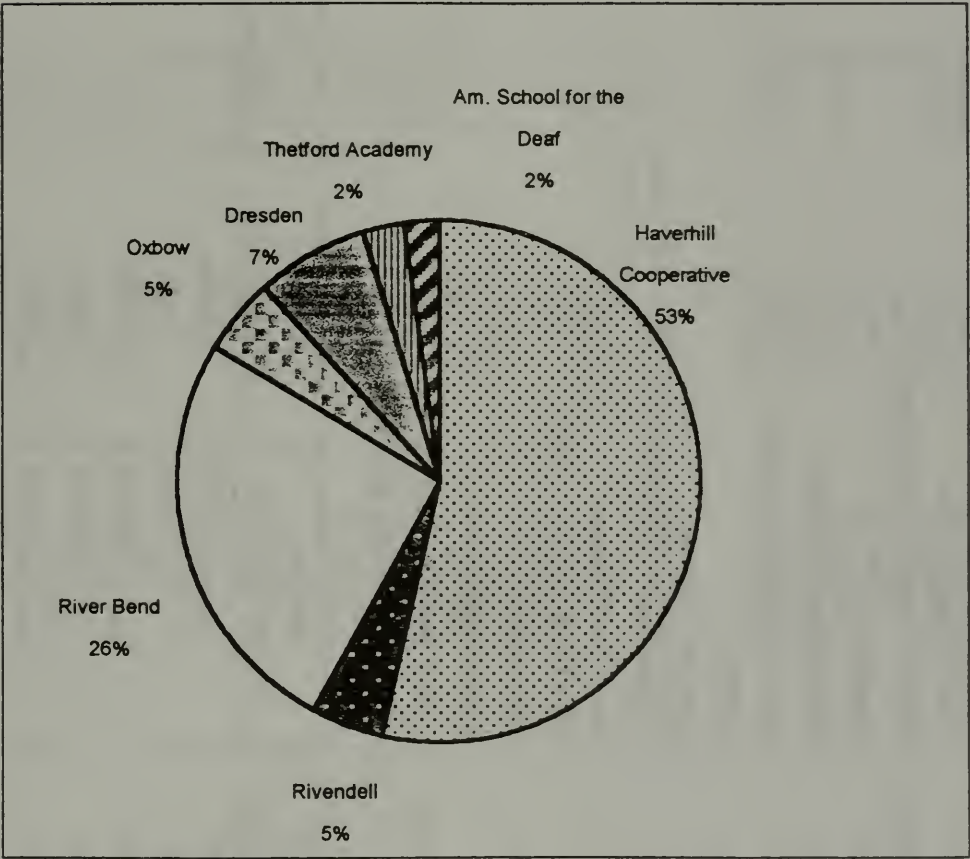
(Administrators and SAU support services not included)

Professional Staff	6.10
Instructional Assistants	4.33
Full Time Equivalents	10.43



# PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2000-2001 STUDENTS TUITIONED TO OTHER DISTRICTS (as of 12-31-00)

Haverhill Cooperative	23
Rivendell	2
River Bend	11
Oxbow	2
Dresden	3
Thetford Academy	1
Am. School for the Deaf	1
TOTAL TUITION STUDENTS	43



# **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 2001-2002 PROJECTED REVENUES**

1320	Tuition - French Pond	\$170,732
1321	Tuition -French Pond Summer School	\$6,616
1950	Itinerants	\$73,999
1951	Technology Coordinator	\$31,826
1951	Hav. PreSchool Coordinator	\$10,433
1510	Interest	\$2,947
1951	Speech/ Language	\$97,813
5210	Transfer from Fund 2	\$2,697
	Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$10,000</u>
	Total Other Revenue Fund 1	\$407,063
1111	ASSESSMENT	<u>\$426,673</u>
	<b>TOTAL FUND 1</b>	<b>\$833,736</b>
	Fund 2 Grant Revenue	\$134,823
	<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE</b>	<b>\$968,559</b>

SAU 23 DISTRICT	2000-01 PERCENTAGE	2000-01 APPORTIONMENT	2001-2002 PERCENTAGE	2001-2002 APPORTIONMENT	2001-2002 DIFFERENCE
BATH	12.91%	50,194	11.98%	51,115	921
BENTON	1.89%	7,351	2.38%	10,155	2,804
HAVERHILL	64.04%	249,125	66.28%	282,799	33,674
PIERMONT	11.25%	43,757	9.95%	42,454	(1,303)
WARREN	9.91%	38,526	9.41%	40,150	1,624
TOTAL	100.00%	388,953	100.00%	426,673	37,720
\$25,000 of fund balance used to reduce assessment					
\$10,000 of fund balance used to reduce assessment					



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 2001-2002 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-2002	DIFFERENCE
	EXPENSES	BUDGET	BUDGET	
1100 Itinerant Teachers	\$56,164.25	\$75,295	\$0	(\$1,296)
1230 French Pond School	\$125,982.92	\$137,883	\$73,999	\$32,849
1435 FPS Summer School	\$6,095.55	\$6,223	\$6,616	\$393
2150 Speech and Audiology	\$83,029.21	\$95,402	\$95,321	(\$80)
2159 Speech - Summer School	\$0.00	\$2,419	\$2,492	\$73
2212 Curriculum Development	\$1,331.67	\$0	\$0	\$0
2213 Instructional Staff Training	\$1,399.65	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)
2220 Technology Coordinator		\$0	\$31,826	\$31,826
2311 School Board	\$682.58	\$1,492	\$1,492	\$0
2313 SAU Treasurer	\$2,153.00	\$2,454	\$2,454	\$0
2317 Audit	\$2,250.00	\$2,700	\$2,500	(\$200)
2318 Legal	\$6,607.70	\$500	\$500	\$0
2321 Superintendent's Office	\$344,617.43	\$310,195	\$305,829	(\$4,366)
2330 Instructional Support Services	\$61,330.01	\$75,792	\$104,725	\$28,933
2540 Community Relations	\$2,593.71	\$2,300	\$2,050	(\$250)
2620 Operation of Buildings	\$20,000.00	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
2640 Care and Upkeep Equipment	\$14,686.17	\$15,220	\$13,200	(\$2,020)
2832 Recruitment	\$2,471.56	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600 Building Improvements	\$5,331.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$736,727.01	\$749,875	\$452,750	\$83,861
			less use of fund balance	(\$10,000)
			less interest, grant transfer revenue for Hav. Preschool coord.	(\$16,077)
				<b>\$426,673</b>

ASSESSMENT FROM DISTRICTS

FUND 2 FEDERAL GRANTS	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	DIFFERENCE
	EXPENSES	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Title I	\$320,513.96	\$328,116	\$0	(\$328,116)
Title II Math and Science	\$8,974.61	\$15,049	\$15,049	\$0
Title VI Innovative Education	\$6,666.37	\$14,292	\$0	(\$14,292)
Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools	\$2,650.68	\$7,566	\$0	(\$7,566)
IDEA funds	\$123,950.16	\$91,774	\$119,774	(\$91,750)
	\$462,755.78	\$456,797	\$134,823	(\$321,974)
FUND 2 FEDERAL GRANTS TOTAL			\$0	
SAU BUDGET TOTAL	<b>\$1,199,482.79</b>	<b>\$1,206,672</b>	<b>\$968,559</b>	<b>(\$238,113)</b>

Note: Most of grant reduction due to grants being written directly to the school districts, not through the SAU budget

**School Administrative Unit #23  
Report of the Superintendent's and  
Business Administrator's Salaries**

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses is prorated among the school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2000-2001 school year, will receive a salary of \$67,788. (This amount is prorated and includes \$1,500 moving expenses) The Interim Superintendent, during July and August, received a payment of \$7,500. These positions are prorated among the school districts. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator position at SAU 23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ratio of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	\$8,751.43	12.91%
Benton	\$1,281.19	1.89%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$43,411.44	64.04%
Piermont	\$7,626.15	11.25%
Warren	\$6,717.79	9.91%
TOTAL	\$67,788.00	

Interim Superintendent July - August		
Bath	\$968.25	12.91%
Benton	\$141.75	1.89%
Haverhill Cooperative	\$4,803.00	64.04%
Piermont	\$843.75	11.25%
Warren	\$743.25	9.91%
TOTAL	\$7,500.00	

**PIERMONT VILLAGE SCHOOL  
1999-2000  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

To the School Board and residents of the Piermont School District, I submit the annual report for the calendar year 2000.

The Piermont Village School continues to do its best to fully educate our students in terms of character and academic achievement. Hopefully you have been kept abreast of what transpires at PVS via our bimonthly community newsletters written by PVS students and staff. There are several areas on which the faculty are concentrating to improve student learning. One area is math. The school has adopted the University of Chicago's Everyday Math Program for our Kindergarten through 6th grades. This standards-based math program is intended to improve students' math skills, understanding and fluency. The lack of a cohesive and sequential math program, as well as past test scores, provided the impetus for us to initiate these changes and redouble our math education efforts.

Many of our teaching staff took a course entitled "Understanding Teaching" this fall. This is part of a program, which the rest of the SAU has been involved in over the past few years. We all have found it to be full of very practical and effective strategies and practices to improve teaching and learning. We hope to have all staff take this course, thereby giving us a common language and understanding of excellent teaching practices. We also plan to base our supervision and evaluation model on these effective teaching practices.

The other area we continue to emphasize as a faculty is assessing our students' learning. This involves checking to see that our curriculum aligns with the NH Frameworks, using data from the NHEIAP's to affect teaching practices, and investigating ways to clearly assess and then report student performance to students, parents and faculty.

PVS is the Piermont community's school. I welcome your visits, questions, or comments. Feel free to call and set up a time to come in. Our phone # is 272-5881.

We strive to make each day at PVS educationally stimulating and rewarding. In addition to the daily lessons that students learn, we are fortunate to have been able to partake in a variety of special events with a number of extraordinary people. What follows is the year in review of those noteworthy experiences.

### **Spring 2000**

The annual Geography Bee was won by Rachel Daly and the Spelling Bee was won by Nicole Latona.

Dale Gilson, kindergarten teacher hosted a Kindergarten Lunch to welcome the incoming kindergarten class.

Nancy Sandell took the lead in directing and producing another outstanding spring performance at PVS. The program was entitled *Feed Me*, an adaptation of *The Little Shop of Horrors*.



A PVS Climate Survey was sent home. Areas receiving the highest approval were the school building, the school administrative assistant, safety, respect, students like their teachers and the school principal. Areas that were ranked lowest were the school bus, achievement standards in terms of the amount of work and the quality of work.

PVS students published a poetry journal, *The Silhouette*, which is on display at the Piermont Public Library.

Ten eighth graders graduated on June 12, Rachel Daly, Felicia Garrett, Lindsay Green, Jon Lang, Barbara McKean, Mike Musty, Jessica Oakes, Monique Priestley, Geoff Pushee and Evan Putnam.

We said goodbye to the following PVS staff members: Judy Canning, Larry Duffy, Kim Fontaine, Betsy Nadeau and Martin Smit.

The last couple of days of school were spent honoring PVS students for their accomplishments throughout the year both academically and in sports and also honoring the many volunteers who spent hours of their time with PVS students throughout the year in many different capacities.

## **Fall 2000**

We welcomed a few new staff members this year, Lynn McDonald, Special Education, Rebecca Bailey, Social Studies 5-8 and Music K-8, and Lomond Richardson, Guidance.

After much discussion it was decided that we would change our academic year from quarterly reporting to a trimester reporting system, allowing teachers more time to evaluate student progress.

We started off the year with our new math program in grades K-6. The program is called *Everyday Math* and teachers and students alike seem to be enjoying it. We hope to see the benefits in terms of students attaining greater math understanding and fluency.

The soccer season was a great success with Kate Cook coaching the younger team and Pam Hartley and Chris Jacobs coaching the 7/8.

On September 19 the entire school along with many family members participated in a hike up Black Mountain. It was a wonderful, rewarding experience with everyone reaching the summit.

Five PVS staff members participated in a Research for Better Teaching course entitled "Understanding Teaching." The course gave us many useful strategies to improve teaching and learning.

We continue our community newsletters written by staff and students that have received a very positive response from the community.

PVS classes were treated to a visit to a beaver dam organized by Ernie Hartley. Fish and Game Officer Craig Jewett was a speaker for the older students. The trip was very informative and showed ways in which people try to "live with beavers."

Run and Read was a success this year raising over \$1000.00 for books for the Piermont Public Library.

## Winter 2000

Homework was a big topic this year. Staff at PVS have had many discussions on the value of homework and how much to give.

Under the direction of Rebecca Bailey, the school held a mock presidential election to teach students the importance of voting and the democratic process.

PVS staff hosted a well-attended Family Math Night to share activities of the new Everyday Math Program with parents.

Our basketball season has begun with the addition of a new team. Our numbers and interest were sufficient to add a 3/4 boys team, which is being coached by Danny and Michelle Oakes. Kate Cook is back to coach the 3-6 girls, Brian Garrigan is coaching 7/8 boys, Russell Priestley is coaching the 7/8 girls and Bernadette Ratel is the coach for the 5/6 boys.

The Montshire Museum held their annual Computer Sale and Swap and PVS was the beneficiary. We received a fairly new Gateway PC and printer and a share of the admissions.

On December 8 the entire school took a bus to the performance of Batoto Yetu, an African dance storytelling group, at Hopkins Center in Hanover.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amos Kornfeld, Principal





# END-OF-GRADE THREE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FOR SMALL DISTRICTS—2000

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SAU #: 23

DISTRICT NAME: PIERMONT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS		Students at Each Proficiency Level		
Proficiency Levels		District aggregate		State 3-yr average
		N	%	%
<b>Advanced:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a thorough comprehension of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and facts in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They use comparisons and predictions to increase their level of understanding. They can draw conclusions and make critical judgments. Their responses are detailed and reflect careful thought. When writing, they communicate clearly and effectively. They can organize ideas, develop a topic, add supporting details, and vary both sentence structure and vocabulary. They make few, if any, mechanical errors.		0	0	8
<b>Proficient:</b> Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main ideas and draw conclusions from literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. Their responses show thought and are supported with some detail. When writing, they communicate competently and are able to adequately develop and support their ideas. Although they demonstrate a firm grounding in the mechanics of written expression, they may make some errors in spelling and grammar. However, these do not interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		1	4	29
<b>Basic:</b> Students at this level are able to determine the literal meaning of the materials they read, hear, and view. They can identify clearly-stated main ideas and make direct comparisons in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. Their responses are sometimes comprehensive and are supported with low details. When writing, they communicate at a reasonable level. Although they employ both simple and main complex sentences, overall their work shows elementary organization, development, and use of detail. While they demonstrate a fundamental control of mechanics, they may make errors in spelling and grammar.		12	46	37
<b>Novice:</b> Students at this level are at the beginning of their literacy development. They extract limited meaning from what they read, hear, and view. Although they may be able to locate major details, they are often unable to identify clearly-stated main ideas in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. When writing, they have difficulty communicating. While it may be related to the point they are trying to make, their written work is minimal and shows little organization, development, or use of detail. Errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar may interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		12	46	23
<b>Students Not Included in the Report</b>		1	4	3

MATHEMATICS RESULTS	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level		
		District aggregate	State 3-yr average	%
<b>Advanced:</b> Students at this level are able to: make estimations; use models to demonstrate mathematical concepts; draw conclusions from information presented in charts and graphs; identify, classify, and compare geometric objects; measure accurately; construct simple charts and graphs; and recognize, describe, extend, and create a variety of patterns. They can accurately add, subtract, and multiply whole numbers to the same extent as proficient students. They have an understanding of fractions and decimals and can add and subtract decimals in everyday situations. They are able to solve problems and communicate their answers and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	0	0	9	
<b>Proficient:</b> Students at this level are able to demonstrate an understanding of place value as well as the relationship between simple fractions and decimals; read charts and graphs; make measurements; and recognize and extend patterns. They can, with reasonable accuracy, add 3-digit whole numbers; subtract any 2-digit numbers; and multiply whole numbers up to 5. They are able to estimate and compute solutions to problems and communicate their understanding of mathematics.	1	4	30	
<b>Basic:</b> Students at this level are able to demonstrate a reasonable understanding of place value, fractional parts, geometry, and measurement. They can recognize and extend simple patterns and read uncomplicated charts and graphs. They are able to multiply whole numbers up to 5 and can add and subtract 1-digit whole numbers with ease. When adding or subtracting 2-digit whole numbers, regrouping (borrowing and carrying) presents a challenge. They demonstrate some skill in the application of mathematics to problem-solving situations but have difficulty communicating their solutions.	15	58	37	
<b>Novice:</b> Students at this level are able to add and subtract 1- and 2-digit whole numbers without regrouping (borrowing and carrying). However, they frequently make errors in these computations. They can recite whole-number multiplication facts up to 5. Although they may have some knowledge of place value, fractions, geometry, and measurement, their understanding of these areas is extremely limited. They are unable to demonstrate the application of mathematical skills to problem-solving situations.	9	35	23	
Students Not Included in the Report	1	4	2	





Education Improvement and Assessment Program

# END-OF-GRADE SIX SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FOR SMALL DISTRICTS — 2000

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SAU #: 23

DISTRICT NAME: PIERMONT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS	Students at Each Proficiency Level			
	District 3-yr aggregate	State 3-yr average		
		N	%	
Proficiency Levels				
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and information from materials they read, hear, and view. They draw conclusions, make critical judgments, and develop meaningful connections between and among ideas and concepts. They explain and support their inferences and interpretations. Their writing is clear, effective, and fluent. They organize ideas, develop a topic, add supporting details, and vary both sentence structure and vocabulary. They make few, if any, mechanical errors.	5	20	5	
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main ideas, analyze text, evaluate and organize information, draw conclusions, and make inferences and interpretations. They critically evaluate materials they read, hear, and view. They effectively organize, develop, and support ideas so that a reader can easily understand the intent of their writing. They demonstrate a firm grounding in the mechanics of written expression; however, they may still make some errors.	7	28	23	
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They recognize main ideas and identify supporting details. They gather information from materials they read, hear, and view and use it to make obvious conclusions. Their responses often include appropriate examples. They employ sufficient organization, development, and support of ideas to satisfactorily communicate the intent of their writing. While they demonstrate a fundamental control of the mechanics of written expression, they may make errors in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and/or punctuation.	11	44	41	
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They recognize clearly-stated topics and details in materials they read, hear, and view. For the most part, their responses to questions are literal. Their writing shows rudimentary organization, development, and use of detail. Errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and/or grammar may interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.	1	4	29	
Students Not Included in the Report	1	4	3	

MATHEMATICS RESULTS	Students at Each Proficiency Level			
	District 3-yr aggregate	State 3-yr average		
		N	%	
Proficiency Levels				
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They are able to use both physical and conceptual models, make connections between and among concepts, and use assimilation to monitor the reasonableness of their work. Their mathematical reasoning and problem solving are systematic, direct, and thorough. They employ numbers, graphs, diagrams, examples, and generalizations to explain their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	0	0	4	
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They make few, if any, errors in computation. They use tables and graphs to organize, present, and interpret data. They employ appropriate strategies to solve a wide range of problems. They clearly communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.	5	20	22	
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of fractions, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They accurately perform computations with whole numbers and decimals. They can read and construct graphs. They apply their mathematical knowledge and skills in addressing everyday situations and solving straight-forward problems. They adequately communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.	10	40	41	
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of fractions, decimals, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers with a fair degree of accuracy. They can obtain information from graphs. They display a limited ability to use their mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems. Their explanations of their answers are brief and incomplete.	9	36	31	
Students Not Included in the Report	1	4	2	



Education Improvement and  
Assessment Program

# END-OF-GRADE SIX SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FOR SMALL DISTRICTS — 2000 (CONTINUED)

SAU #: 23

DISTRICT NAME: PIERMONT

<i><b>SCIENCE RESULTS</b></i>	Students at Each Proficiency Level			
	District 3-yr aggregate		State 3-yr average	
	N	%	N	%
<i><b>Proficiency Levels</b></i>				
<b>Advanced:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth-space sciences. They recognize that the sciences are interrelated. They analyze, synthesize, and interpret data from experiments with several variables. They are aware of the limitations of science as well as its useful application in other areas. They use scientific knowledge and processes to solve problems. They employ a variety of forms, including text, graphs, figures, and diagrams, to communicate scientific information clearly and concisely.				
	0	0	2	2
<b>Proficient:</b> Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth-space sciences. They are familiar with procedures used in science, such as designing experiments, controlling variables, and selecting appropriate equipment. They draw conclusions from data presented in graphs and tables. They use their scientific knowledge to examine problems and evaluate advantages and disadvantages of proposed solutions. They clearly communicate and explain their understanding, problem-solving strategies, and solutions.				
	3	12	14	14
<b>Basic:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth-space sciences. They are familiar with methods used in science such as observation and classification. They obtain information from graphs and tables and draw obvious conclusions from data. They use their scientific knowledge to address straight forward problems and adequately communicate their understanding and solutions.				
	9	36	36	36
<b>Novice:</b> Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth-space sciences. For example, they are aware that scientific information is obtained from observations and experiments and are familiar with a number of specific facts. Their ability to address straight forward scientific problems and communicate their solutions is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.				
	12	48	47	47
<b>Students Not Included in the Report</b>		1	4	2

<i><b>SOCIAL STUDIES RESULTS</b></i>	Students at Each Proficiency Level			
	District 3-yr aggregate		State 3-yr average	
	N	%	N	%
<i><b>Proficiency Levels</b></i>				
<b>Advanced:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They integrate the use of tools such as maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines, as well as an understanding of chronology, in defining and addressing problems. They interrelate their knowledge of the social studies and apply it to the examination of relevant issues. They communicate their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.				
	1	4	4	4
<b>Proficient:</b> Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can explain important ideas such as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship or how supply, demand, and competition affect prices. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and form conclusions based on data. They apply their knowledge of the social studies to relevant tasks and clearly communicate and explain their findings.				
	5	20	20	20
<b>Basic:</b> Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can describe people, places, and events as well as important ideas such as the relationship between geography and the development of population centers. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and make obvious conclusions based on data. They use their knowledge of the social studies to address straight forward tasks and adequately communicate their findings.				
	13	52	37	37
<b>Novice:</b> Students at this level demonstrate rudimentary understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. For example, they recognize the importance of documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the New Hampshire Constitution, and the United States Constitution, are familiar with some specific facts, and are aware that the social studies are interrelated. Their ability to address straight forward social studies tasks and communicate their findings is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.				
	5	20	37	37
<b>Students Not Included in the Report</b>		1	4	2



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HONOR ROLL  
FOURTH MARKING PERIOD  
1999-2000**

**Grade Five**

Adam Hill  
Shannon Labs\*  
Jonathan Oakes\*

**Grade Six**

Jeremy Daly  
John Garrigan \*  
Gabrielle Gould \*  
Dana Hartley\*  
Nicole Latona\*  
Matt Musty\*

**Grade Seven**

Kara Labs\*  
Amanda Nadeau\*

**Grade Eight**

Rachel Daly\*  
Felicia Garrett\*  
Mike Musty\*  
Jessica Oakes\*  
Monique Priestley\*

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Teresa Hill  
Kara Jean Holden  
Timothy Putnam

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

1999-2000 Academic Year

Michael Langley  
Kaelea Monahan  
Brendan Musty  
Jonathan Oakes

\* Indicates students who were on the honor roll all four quarters  
In order to be named to the honor roll a student must be in grades five  
through eight and receive A's and B's in all subject areas, social adjustment,  
and work habits.



## SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2000

Beginning Balance 1/1/00		\$9,223.26
Scholarships Awarded		(\$384.00)
Interest Earned		
Woodsville Guaranty		
Savings Bank CD 704846	384.20	
Woodsville Guaranty		
Savings Bank PB 30879	<u>60.51</u>	
TOTAL	\$444.71	\$444.71
New Fund Donations:		
In memory of William Daley		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00		\$10,283.97

## SCHOOL FUND FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT 12/31/00

<u>Name of Investment</u>	<u>Dividend or Interest Income</u>	<u>Capital Gains Reinvested</u>	<u>Total Shares Owned</u>	<u>Principal Amt. Market Value, or Year End Value</u>
Fidelity Cash Reserves:				
	204.04	0.00	3,713.20	3,713.20
Fidelity Puritan Fund:				
	1,656.78	2,746.51	2,833.48	53,354.47
Seligman Fund:				
	<u>138.92</u>	<u>340.20</u>	2001.39	<u>26,838.79</u>
TOTALS	\$1,999.74	\$3,086.71		\$83,906.46

## SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION EMERGENCY EXPENDABLE TRUST 2000

Beginning Balance, 1/1/00	21,064.90
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	1,403.83
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00	\$27,468.73

## SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 2000

Beginning Balance, 1/1/00	25,351.39
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	1,660.79
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00	\$32,012.18

## SCHOOL BUILDING EMERGENCY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST 2000

Beginning Balance, 1/1/00	21,064.90
Dividend Income, Money Market Fund	1,403.83
Shares Purchased	5,000.00
Shares Sold	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance, 12/31/00	\$27,468.73

## SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

Greetings to all,

The year 2000 came and went very quickly at Piermont Village School. I am presently progressing with yearly health screening of all children. Vision, hearing, height, and weight are screened each year with referrals sent home to parents if needed. There have been very few referrals so far this year.

This year has been no exception for winter colds, flu, and pneumonia. Please remember that children are better at home if not feeling well where they can be comfortable, warm, and not exposing others. Equally important is to stress proper hygiene and good hand washing to prevent the spread of illnesses.

As your children have physicals ask about the newer immunizations that could be of benefit to your child. Also, if you have middle school or high school students they may not have received the Hep B series as small children. It is now highly recommended for all, but especially for those entering college. Please remember that prevention is the key to good health.

When you are at the school check out the health bulletin board between the 5+6 and 3+4 rooms. We are trying to do a better job at incorporating the health curriculum into everyday studies. I have chosen a health topic for each month, which the classroom teachers can focus on and I do a monthly bulletin board. Some topics have included hygiene, winter safety, and nutrition.

This fall Kevin Cole from Upper Valley Ambulance did a presentation for the staff on school and playground emergencies. He talked about when and how to stabilize while waiting for emergency personnel. It was very informative.

As a nurse, I feel we are blessed with a community of healthy children. All students are appropriately immunized, most are covered by health insurance, and there are very few children with severe chronic illnesses. As I talk with nurses in other schools I realize how truly lucky we are here in Piermont.

As always if you have concerns or questions feel free to contact me at school on Friday mornings.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Dunbar, RN  
School Nurse

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**  
**For The**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on hand July 1, 1999:	\$ 25,044.31
Add 1999-2000 receipts	1,079,204.59
Less 1999-2000 School Board orders	(1,079,624.66)
Balance on hand June 30, 2000:	\$ 24,624.24

**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOND PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	45,000	30,038	75,038
2002	40,000	27,000	67,000
2003	40,000	24,300	64,300
2004	40,000	21,600	61,600
2005	40,000	18,900	58,900
2006	40,000	16,200	56,200
2007	40,000	13,500	53,500
2008	40,000	10,800	50,800
2009	40,000	8,100	48,100
2010	40,000	5,400	45,400
2011	40,000	2,700	42,700
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>445,000</b>	<b>178,538</b>	<b>623,538</b>

**Audit Report**

The Piermont School District has been audited by the Plodzick & Sanderson Professional Association. Copies of the audit are available for public review at the Superintendent's Office at the James R. Morrill Municipal Building, North Haverhill, NH.



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>REVISED</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>+ or -</b>
	<b>99-00</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	
<b>770    <u>Beginning Fund Balance</u></b>	465.00	37,146	35,000	(2,146)
<b><u>1000 Revenue From Local Sources</u></b>				
1121    Current Appropriation	391,365.00	458,363	518,226	59,863
1312    Tuition from Other LEA's	6,150.00	5,000	-	(5,000)
1510    Interest on Investments	1,295.17	1,200	1,000	(200)
1511    Misc Inc. - Trust Fund Interest	2,168.19	2,100	2,100	-
1600    Food Service Sales	10,794.08	10,400	10,000	(400)
1980    Refund from prior year	3,916.58	-	-	-
1990    Miscellaneous	8,657.08	-	-	-
<b><u>3000 Revenues From State Sources</u></b>				
3110    State Adequacy Funding *	580,360.00	580,360	499,819	(80,541)
3210    School Building Aid	13,500.00	12,247	12,000	(247)
3230    Catastrophic Aid	-	27,054	36,000	8,946
3241    Vocational Tuition	11,400.00	16,500	33,750	17,250
3242    Transportation	484.16	952	428	(524)
3260    Child Nutrition	355.00	400	300	(100)
<b><u>4000 Revenues From Federal Sources</u></b>				
4460    Child Nutrition	4,826.00	4,500	4,200	(300)
4500    Grants	2,400.00	8,442	17,119	8,677
4580    Medicaid	11,844.61	10,000	10,000	-
4810    National Forest Reserve	1,825.26	1,639	1,639	-
5000    Transfer to Trust Funds*	30,000.00	15,000	-	(15,000)
5000    Transfer to Food Service	14,171.85	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,095,977.98</b>	<b>1,191,303</b>	<b>1,181,581</b>	<b>(9,722)</b>

	<u>SCHOOL TAX RATE</u>		
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	
			=\$1.00 on
Local Education Tax	10.33	11.68	<u>Tax Rate</u>
State Education Tax	<u>6.78</u>	<u>6.78</u>	44,355
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.11</b>	<b>18.46</b>	42,639
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUNDS ARTICLES	20,000	<u>0.45</u>	
<b>TOTAL TAX ON BUDGET AND ARTICLES</b>		<b>18.91</b>	
 AMOUNT OF TAX INCREASE		<b>1.80</b>	
 PACT OF DECREASE IN STATE ADEQUACY FUNDING	(80,541)	<b>1.82</b>	

\* 99-00 transfer to Trust Funds includes eoy 98-99 and eoy 99-00

PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED 2001-2002 BUDGET

<u>DISTRICT SUMMARY</u>		<u>Expenditures</u> <u>1999-2000</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2000-2001</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2001-2002</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>A.</u>	<u>Instruction</u>				
1100	Regular Programs	\$500,363.46	\$577,274.00	\$585,485.00	\$8,211.00
1300	Vocational Education	\$22,000.00	\$21,400.00	\$50,985.00	\$29,585.00
2120	Guidance	\$8,184.30	\$9,466.00	\$7,500.00	(\$1,966.00)
2125	Test Supplies	\$474.97	\$435.00	\$500.00	\$65.00
2190	Student Enrichment	\$1,563.55	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$0.00
2212	Curriculum Development	\$1,620.15	\$1,200.00	\$4,740.00	\$3,540.00
2213	Staff Training	\$3,270.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$4,000.00
2220	Technology Supervision	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,220.00	\$3,220.00
2222	School Library	\$2,932.67	\$3,444.00	\$2,724.00	(\$720.00)
2820	Data Communication Services	\$1,715.50	\$0.00	\$2,844.00	\$2,844.00
	<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$542,124.60</b>	<b>\$619,939.00</b>	<b>\$668,718.00</b>	<b>\$48,779.00</b>
<u>B.</u>	<u>Co-Curricular</u>	<b>\$2,237.39</b>	<b>\$4,171.00</b>	<b>\$5,371.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<u>C.</u>	<u>Special Education</u>				
1200/1230	Special Programs	\$166,053.01	\$205,403.00	\$149,197.00	(\$56,206.00)
1430	Summer School	\$2,429.29	\$3,070.00	\$1,800.00	(\$1,270.00)
2140	Psychological Services	\$1,718.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2150	Speech and Audiology	\$5,903.53	\$6,279.00	\$23,341.00	\$17,062.00
2159	Speech - Summer School	\$313.12	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$0.00
2162	Physical Therapy	\$4,560.00	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	(\$8,400.00)
2163	Occupational Therapy	\$5,660.00	\$5,670.00	\$4,320.00	(\$1,350.00)
	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$186,637.70</b>	<b>\$229,302.00</b>	<b>\$179,138.00</b>	<b>(\$50,164.00)</b>
<u>D.</u>	<u>SAU Services</u>				
2321	Office of the Superintendent	<b>\$38,027.00</b>	<b>\$43,757.00</b>	<b>\$42,454.00</b>	<b>(\$1,303.00)</b>

	Expenditures 1999-2000	Budget 2000-2001	Proposed Budget 2001-2002	Difference
<b>E.</b>				
2410				
<b>Administration</b>				
Office of the Principal	\$64,025.29	\$69,987.00	\$73,881.00	\$3,894.00
<b>F.</b>				
2620				
Buildings	\$43,919.56	\$49,496.00	\$47,396.00	(\$2,100.00)
2630	\$2,593.71	\$2,875.00	\$3,500.00	\$625.00
2640	\$3,122.49	\$2,400.00	\$3,850.00	\$1,450.00
Equipment				
TOTAL OPERATION OF BUILDINGS	\$49,635.76	\$54,771.00	\$54,746.00	(\$25.00)
<b>G.</b>				
2721				
Transportation				
To and From School	\$33,595.80	\$27,432.00	\$31,004.00	\$3,572.00
2722	\$3,093.60	\$5,550.00	\$2,287.00	(\$3,263.00)
2723	\$484.16	\$476.00	\$1,904.00	\$1,428.00
2725	\$303.50	\$1,400.00	\$800.00	(\$600.00)
2729	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summer School Special Transportation				
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$37,477.06	\$34,858.00	\$35,995.00	\$1,137.00
<b>H.</b>				
5000				
Debt Service	\$76,697.22	\$75,038.00	\$67,000.00	(\$8,038.00)
<b>I.</b>				
3120				
Food Service	\$30,146.93	\$33,293.00	\$28,685.00	(\$4,608.00)
<b>J.</b>				
2311				
School Board	\$3,901.57	\$3,604.00	\$3,686.00	\$82.00
2312	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
2313	\$1,563.90	\$1,024.00	\$1,024.00	\$0.00
2314	\$0.00	\$409.00	\$240.00	(\$169.00)
2317	\$2,100.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
2318	\$282.40	\$750.00	\$619.00	(\$131.00)
2832	\$1,162.68	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
Legal Services				
Recruitment Advertising				
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD	\$9,160.55	\$8,287.00	\$8,569.00	\$282.00

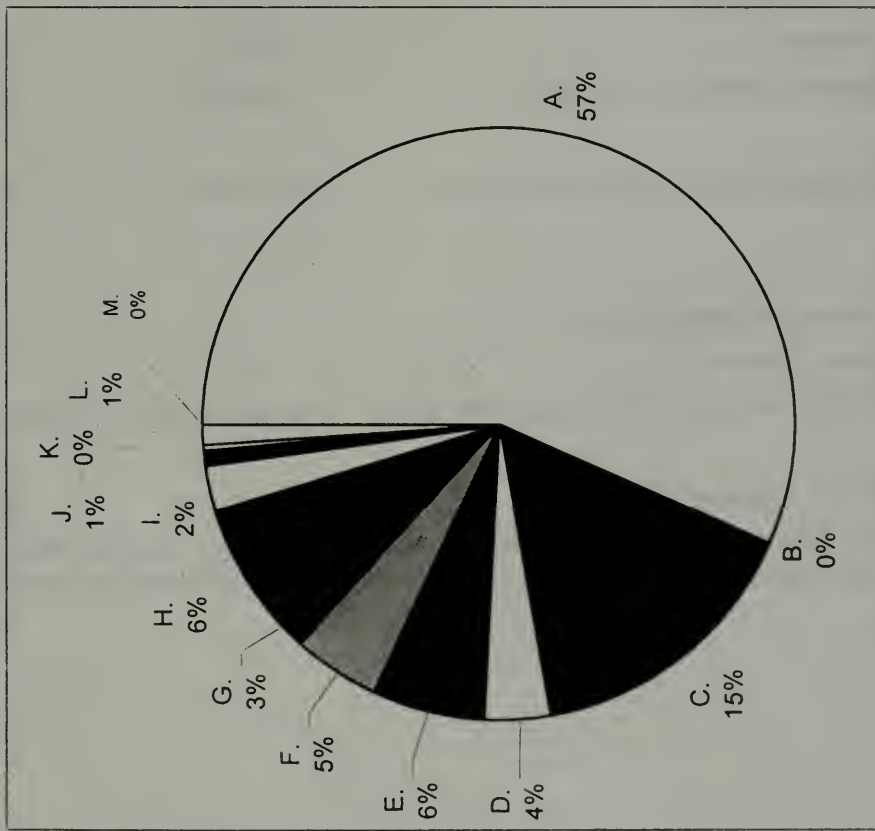


	Expenditures 1999-2000	Budget 2000-2001	Proposed Budget 2001-2002	Difference
<b>K.</b>				
	<b><u>District Wide Services</u></b>			
2112	Attendance	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2130	Health	\$2,849.00	\$3,760.00	\$911.00
	<b>TOTAL DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES</b>	<b>\$2,899.00</b>	<b>\$3,810.00</b>	<b>\$911.00</b>
<b>L.</b>				
	<b><u>Special Revenues/Grants</u></b>			
1100	Class Size Reduction-Title Six	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1250	Title One	\$2,450.00	\$13,211.00	\$13,211.00
	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,450.00</b>	<b>\$13,211.00</b>	<b>\$13,211.00</b>
<b>M.</b>				
	<b><u>Fund Transfers</u></b>			
5221	Transfer to School Lunch	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
5250	Transfer to Capital Reserve *	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
5252	Transfer Expendable Trust *	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,176,303.00</b>	<b>\$1,181,581.00</b>	<b>\$5,278.00</b>

**Summary of Expenditures**

A.	\$668,718	Instruction
B.	\$5,371	Co-Curricular
C.	\$179,138	Special Ed.
D.	\$42,454	SAU Services
E.	\$73,881	Administration
F.	\$54,746	Operation of Bldgs.
G.	\$35,995	Transportation
H.	\$67,000	Debt Service
I.	\$28,685	Food Service
J.	\$8,569	School Board
K.	\$3,810	District-wide Services
L.	\$13,211	Special Revenue Funds
M.	\$3	Fund Transfers

**\$1,181,581 TOTAL BUDGET**



**PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a**

	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>
<b><u>Special Education Expenses</u></b>		
1200 Special Programs	121,938.77	166,053.01
1430 Summer School	4,469.03	2,429.29
2140 Psychological Services*	-	1,718.75
2150 Speech and Audiology	6,687.88	5,903.53
2159 Speech - Summer School	196.49	313.12
2162 Physical Therapy	3,170.18	4,560.00
2163 Occupational Therapy	2,274.00	5,660.00
2722 Special Transportation	63.46	3,093.60
<b>Total Special Education Expenses</b>	<b>138,799.81</b>	<b>189,731.30</b>

**Special Education Revenue**

1990 IDEA funds from SAU for Inst. Asst.		1,381.80
3110 Adequacy Funding SPED portion	-	62,852.00
3240 Catastrophic Aid	-	-
4580 Medicaid	11,603.00	11,844.61
<b>Total Special Education Revenue</b>	<b>11,603.00</b>	<b>76,078.41</b>

<b>Actual District Cost for Special Education</b>	<b>127,196.81</b>	<b>113,652.89</b>
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**IDEA Entitlement Grant Funds**

Part A - Preschool	481.19	-
(Combined with other districts to fund SAU 23 preschool paid for through SAU 23)		
Part B - Special Education	8,000.00	10,820.00
*(Combined to provide SAU-wide psychological services paid for through SAU 23)		
Also reimbursed portion of an unanticipated Instructional Assistant (see 1990 above)		











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